

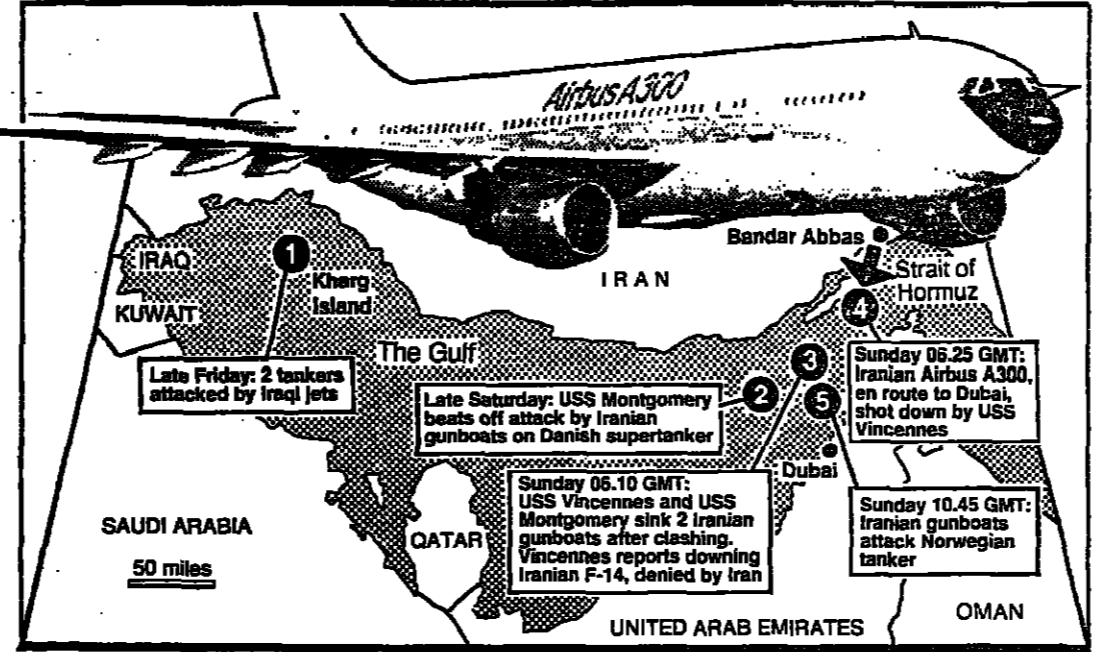


LAST WEEK'S AVERAGE DAILY SALE 448,000 No 63,124

298 killed as warship destroys civilian jet in the Gulf US shoots down Iran Airbus

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The United States admitted last night that one of its warships in the Gulf accidentally shot down an Iranian passenger aircraft, killing all 298 people on board. President Reagan said the US "deeply regrets" the incident, calling it a "terrible human tragedy". He ordered the Pentagon to carry out a full investigation. Admiral William Crowe, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told a press conference that the Aegis-class cruiser USS Vincennes shot down the Iran Air Airbus A300 over the Strait of Hormuz while actively engaged with Iranian surface units during a naval clash. The ship's commander appears to have mistaken the Airbus, flying at 7,500 feet from Bandar Abbas in Dubai, for an F14 fighter. It warned the plane repeatedly to identify itself, and on receiving no reply, fired two missiles. "It is our judgement, based on the information currently available, that the local commanders had sufficient reasons to believe their units were in jeopardy and they fired in self-defence," Admiral Crowe said. The shooting, in circumstances reminiscent of the Soviet Union's downing of the South Korean airliner KAL007 in 1983, raises the Gulf conflict to a new and dangerous level, and will lead to an enormous uproar both here and abroad. It is certain to provoke calls for a complete reassessment of US policy in the Gulf. The US Government has not been in direct contact with Tehran over the incident. The Pentagon and State Department are now braced for retaliatory action by Iran. Admiral Crowe said the sequence of events began when a helicopter from the Vincennes was fired on by Iranian naval units at 10.10am local time, about 40 minutes before the air action. The ship identified the Iranian firing units. The Iranian gunboats turned toward the Vincennes at high speed and it opened up with gunfire - subsequently sinking two of the patrol boats. During this engagement, the ship's radar detected what it believed was an F14 closing fast. There had been warnings that the Iranians were about to launch an attack on the US forces over the July 4 holiday, and US ships had recently observed new activity by Iranian F14s in the area. The aircraft was outside the prescribed commercial air corridor. The ship's commander immediately began procedures for countering the threat, believing that the



the laws of physics" and identify a target head-on. The airport at Bandar Abbas serves as both a military base, with reinforced concrete hangars for the F14s, and a civilian airstrip. There are parallel runways for military and civilian aircraft, and the airliner would have been flying directly towards the naval engagement zone when it was shot down. Irna, the Iranian news agency, said witnesses on Hagam island off the Iranian coast saw the missiles hit the Airbus as it was flying at 7,500 feet. It said everyone on board was killed and that bodies of 100 people had been recovered. "Most of the bodies were disintegrated. The naval fragments also have discovered pieces of the plane showing that the plane had been hit by a missile," Irna reported. The incident came a day after the USS Montgomery went to the aid of a Danish merchant ship, which radioed for help after coming under Iranian attack. It was the first time the United States had helped a non-US flag carrier since Mr Frank Carlucci, the Defence Secretary, announced that emergency assistance would be given to any non-combatant ship that came under attack. With some embarrassment, Admiral Crowe admitted that even the sophisticated radar of the Vincennes was not able "to defy

Schools to act against crime

By Robin Oakley Political Editor

The Government is to direct its latest attack on violence, disorder and crime at children as young as seven. After deliberations in a Cabinet committee, Home Office and Education ministers believe they must begin as early as that to tackle "the roots of criminality". In an attempt to restore social order, children will be taught about the consequences of crime, school governors will be given "awareness training" and a "moral dimension" will be added to the new national curriculum. Concern about increasing lawlessness, drunken brawling and football hooliganism is rapidly mounting in the Government. At the recent economic summit in Toronto, the Prime Minister raised her concern with the behavioural problems of young people with other heads of state and government. She said that although Western industrial nations had gone a long way to solving

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such problems as technological change, they had much to do in terms of teaching young people respect for the law. She called for further research into the roots of criminality and asked why it was that some cities such as Toronto appeared to be comparatively crime-free while similar communities were not. In an exclusive interview with The Times, Mr John Paton, Minister of State at the Home Office with responsibility for crime prevention, disclosed the new line of the Government's attack. The next two meetings of the Cabinet committee on crime prevention will discuss violence and parenting. Ministers want to revive the partnership between schools and parents to teach pupils the consequences of crime. Mr Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary, is adamant that teachers cannot be expected to provide on their own lessons in behaviour that should be given at home. Ministers are alarmed at police evidence of a number of cases in which young people have used knives, seemingly oblivious of the damage they are likely to cause. However, Mr Paton has been impressed with the value of experimental lessons pioneered by the Department of Education and Science. Under the Crime, Law and Society Package initiative, children are shown the full consequences of crime. For

Reagan saddened by 'human tragedy'

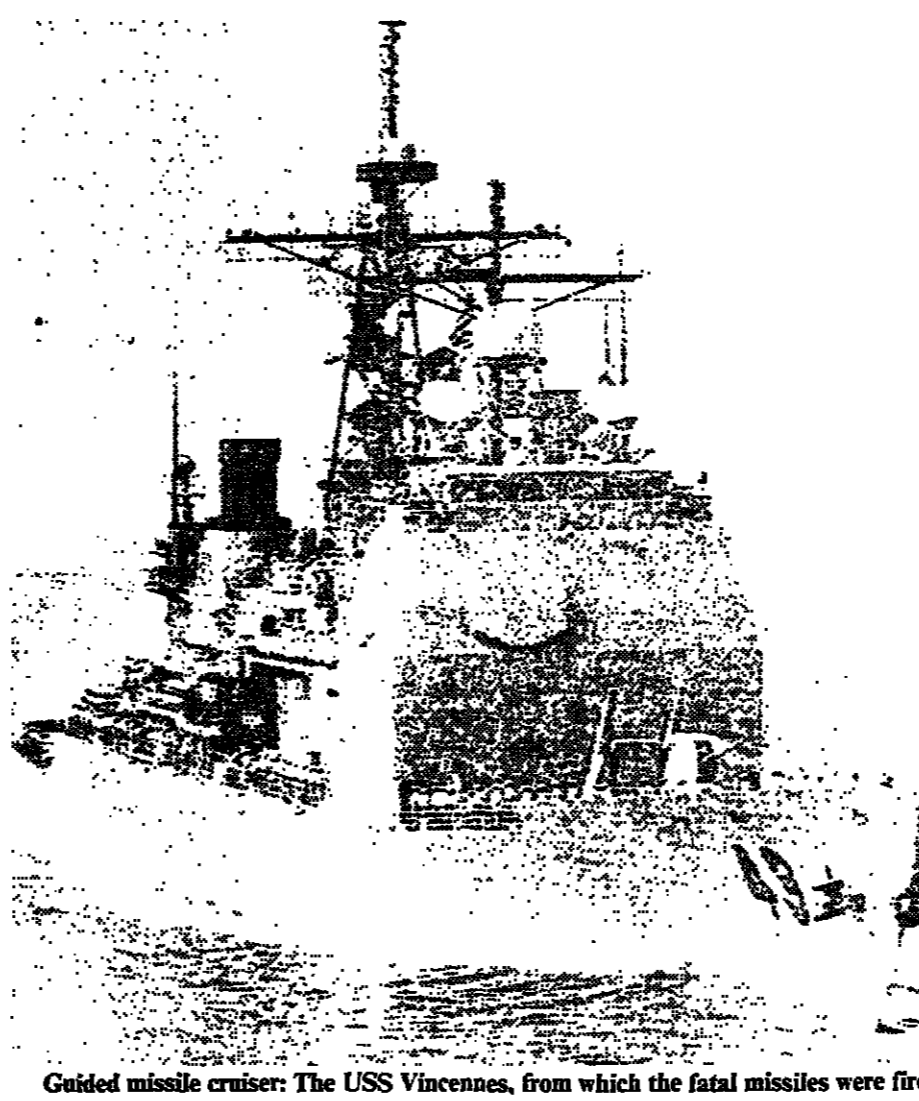
By Our Foreign Staff

In a statement on the shooting down of the Iranian Airbus, read last night by Mr Martin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, President Reagan said: "I am saddened to report that it appears that in a proper defensive action by the USS Vincennes this morning in the Persian Gulf an Iranian airplane was shot down over the Strait of Hormuz. This is a terrible human tragedy. Our sympathy and condolences go out to the passengers, crew and their families. "The Defence Department will conduct a full investigation. We deeply regret any loss of life. "The course of the Iranian civilian airliner was such that it was headed directly for the USS Vincennes, which was at the time engaged with five Iranian Boghammer boats that had attacked our forces. "When the aircraft failed to heed repeated warnings, the Vincennes followed standing orders and widely publicized

plane was heading directly for the ship at 450 knots. Warnings were sent on civilian and military frequencies several times, but the Airbus neither responded nor changed course. Admiral Crowe said the ship had electronic indications - which he would not reveal, saying they were classified - that the Airbus was an F14. It was declared hostile at 10.51 am local time. Three minutes later, when the

plane was nine miles away, the Vincennes fired two ship-to-air missiles. At least one hit at a range of about six miles. Admiral Crowe said that the total context of the event had to be appreciated. He said the US had given a warning from the outset that the Gulf operation would involve risks. He also expressed astonishment - and by implication blame - that Iran would allow civilian airliners

to take off over an area where their forces were attacking US naval targets. Admiral Crowe said that under the new rules of engagement, US forces in the Gulf did not have to be shot at before responding to what they saw as hostile intent.



Guided missile cruiser: The USS Vincennes, from which the fatal missiles were fired.

'Profound regret' by No 10

By Our Political Editor

Downing Street, in statement last night, said the Gulf accident "was a tragedy for all concerned". The Government profoundly regretted the loss of life on the airliner. While defending "the right of forces engaged in... hostilities to defend themselves", the statement said the "tragic accident underlines the urgent need" for an end to the Gulf War and attacks on shipping. Ministers do not expect any Iranian backlash to have more than a tangential effect on Britain. Any retaliation is expected to be directed against US targets and they do not believe that the incident will make it any more difficult to secure the release of British hostages. Mrs Thatcher returned early from Chequers to Downing Street yesterday and was being kept in touch with events. Relations between Britain and Iran have shown some improvement recently. The Gulf has always been seen as a separate issue - with the Iranians under notice that Britain will seek compensation for any vessels damaged.

Wimbledon final spills into today

By Howard Foster

The climax of Wimbledon lasted just 22 minutes yesterday before heavy rain forced the postponement of the men's final, leaving Boris Becker and Stefan Edberg to complete the championship today. It is the first time for 66 years that the men's title has been resolved on a Monday after the traditional closing weekend. The finalists, starting four-and-a-half hours late, had managed to complete only five games before the covers came on and the players went off. Edberg was leading 3-2. The constant rain mortified spectators and towns in and around the grounds of the All England Club. Tickets which had been sold in advance for £1,500 a pair were going for almost their face value of £25. Several towns who had ripped up tickets because of the weather had failed to appreciate exactly how the club would react. Earlier, the word was that preference

Mortgage rate rise expected

By Our City Staff

Dearer home loans are likely to be announced this week if, as expected, bank base rates rise a further 1/4 percentage point to 10 per cent. Market pundits are saying that a fifth rise in base rates is on the cards with pessimists believing rates will increase by a full percentage point. Even a 1/2 point rise will herald double figure base rates for the first time since last October's stock market crash. Any increase will trigger a rise in mortgage rates which have held at about 9.75 per cent in the face of four increases in base rates. Last week's base rate move came too late for societies to announce higher mortgage rates from July 1. However, they should go up from the beginning of next month if base rates rise this week. Details, page 21 Economic View, page 23

Reforms pledged after Cleveland

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Government is preparing to give total backing this week to the recommendations of the Cleveland inquiry into child sex abuse and incorporate them into the Bill on child care later this year. Ministers are confident that the extensive reforms in the law governing child care already promised in the next session will go a long way to treating parents and children involved in abuse cases more humanely. The draft Bill will be changed to take account both of Lord Justice Butler-Sloss's inquiry into the Cleveland scandal and the results of a year-old nationwide survey of child abuse which has just been completed by the Department of Health and Social Security. The first stages of reforms to the legal system to take cases involving family matters out of criminal courts are also expected to be announced

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Tobacco company 'refused to sell safe cigarette'

By Robert Matthews Technology Correspondent

The tobacco industry developed a relatively safe cigarette in the early 1970s but refused to market it because of legal fears over the implication that earlier products were unsafe, a tobacco company scientist has alleged. Dr James Mold, a research scientist at Liggett & Myers, the United States tobacco company, is to give details on World In Action, the ITV programme. tonight of a secret research project he directed to develop the cigarette. Professor Richard Daynard, of the Northeastern University, Boston, an expert on smoking legislation, told The Times last night that Dr Mold's revelations could open the way for enough new legal cases to bankrupt the tobacco industry. This is because plaintiffs could claim that they or their relatives suffered because the industry failed in its statutory duty to develop, he said. The American research team made a fundamental breakthrough, involving the use of a chemical catalyst to absorb the cancer-causing products in cigarettes. Dr Mold said: "We were able to get rid of the materials which were causing the cancers. We were ecstatic over the fact that we had done something that no-one in the world had been able to do." He said plans to market the product were halted by company lawyers who were worried about the implications

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# Special police unit chosen for abuse cases in Cleveland

By Peter Davenport

Det Inspector Peter Wilson's office looks like any other: walls decorated with charts and duty rotas, functional furniture, the litter of half-empty coffee cups.

Only a row of grey files bearing the titles "Child Enticement", "Child Abuse - Items of Interest" and "Wardship Cases" distinguishes his office from those in other small-town police stations.

They are an indication of the always-sensitive, often painful and frequently distressing nature of the cases he investigates.

Mr Wilson heads the Cleveland Police Child Sexual Abuse Unit, formed on July 1 last year, and now on call around the clock to deal with suspected cases of child sexual abuse.

The idea of a central investigation unit with specialist officers was in the pipeline late in 1986. However, the unfolding crisis in Cleveland during the first half of last year gave the creation of the unit an urgent impetus.

It is now housed in a small suite of offices on the first floor of the local police station in the pleasant market town of Yarm.

Mr Wilson's eight colleagues - four male, four female - are all married, most of them with families, and the daily round of dealing with cases of sexual abuse against children, ranging from the most minor forms of illicit touching to horrific sexual assaults, can easily become depressing.

The senior officers in the unit are constantly on the look-out for such signs among their junior colleagues. Mr

More than 100 Australian parents who claim they have been falsely charged with sexually abusing their children are to launch damages suits against the state government of South Australia. The parents claim welfare officers broke up families with allegations that they had sexually abused their children. Only a handful have been convicted.

In most cases, the evidence against parents was judged to be inconclusive after challenges by medical officials and lawyers. At the centre of the controversy is a centre established in 1978 at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Adelaide, which assesses cases of suspected child abuse. Referrals have risen steadily from 86 in 1982 to 518 last year, amid claims of incompetence and over-zealousness.

Wilson, aged 40 and with four children, said: "People might think it is a depressing field of work, but if we do our job right, then we have helped a child. That in itself is a lift." Unlike other forces, where the victim and the abuser are often dealt with by officers from different sections, the Cleveland unit has complete control of cases.

During the inquiry into the Cleveland crisis under Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, there was evidence of a breakdown in working relationships between the police, social services and the two consultant paediatricians involved, Dr Marietta Higgs and Dr Geoffrey Wyatt.

There were allegations that social workers wanted to keep police out of cases of child sexual abuse.

Much of Mr Wilson's early

work involved mending fences and forging new working relationships, not just with the social services, but also with agencies such as the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the National Children's Homes.

He says relationships are good again and there are regular training courses attended by officers from his team and members of the other agencies.

The main benefits of a specialist unit, he says, have been in providing a standard response to investigations; the ability of detectives to develop skills in a particularly difficult and sensitive area; and better, more understanding treatment for victims.

"I tell my officers to listen to what the child is saying and then make an informed judgement", he says. "But one must bear in mind the effect of making such an allegation against a person. It is a difficult crime to investigate."

Investigations are undertaken jointly by a detective and a social worker. Where possible, medical examinations are carried out jointly by a police surgeon and a paediatrician to avoid the stress of repeated examinations.

The aims of police and social workers in the past have often seemed to be at odds: social services have as their first priority the protection of the child, while police must gather evidence for the prosecution of abusers.

"For me, the two aims meet", Mr Wilson says. "The final analysis is always to protect the child. Sometimes the only way of doing that is by its removal from home."

# Classic car highlights a driving force



David and Joan Baylis shelter under their umbrellas as they drive their 1933 MG J2 yesterday at the Bromley Pageant of Motoring classic car show in Kent, where more than 2,500 vehicles, exhibited by 104 clubs, were on display. (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

## Consumer watchdog urges greater privacy

Banks, credit card companies, and building societies should treat financial information about borrowers as confidential, the National Consumer Council says in a report published today.

The Government's consumer watchdog organization calls for stricter controls to ensure that credit reference agencies - which collect details about people's creditworthiness from financial institutions - do not use this information without the bor-

rowers' knowledge and agreement.

The report says personal financial information has become an important commercial resource which can be used for marketing goods and services by highlighting potential customers.

A survey carried out for the council showed that almost 70 per cent of those questioned wanted their banks or building societies to state that customers' financial matters were private.

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## Win puts an end to wife's teasing

Mr Alan Lane put an end once and for all to his wife's teasing about his regular checks of Portfolio at the weekend by winning £2,000 in the competition.

Mr Lane, aged 42, who is from Haywards Heath, West Sussex, said: "Bridget always teases me about checking the numbers and never winning. But when I realized I had won it was very nice to turn round to her and say it was worth checking after all."

He is one of the four winners of Saturday's £8,000 weekly prize. He will put the money towards a two-week holiday to Yugoslavia with his wife and their three children.

Mr Alan Monaghan, of Wareham, Dorset, had to check his calculations five times before he was able to believe he had won.

"The only thing I had won was £135 on the pools which was shared between three of us," said Mr Monaghan aged 45, who is a press and public relations officer for Dorset social services.

Mr Richard Budworth, aged 34, a London barrister, also won £2,000. "I'm going to use the money to pay the balance on some pictures, part of a holiday to the Far East, and cover some debts. The list is endless", he said.

Mr R. W. McLaren, of Oxshott, Surrey, also wins £2,000.

## Gibraltar inquest

# Bomb evidence is missing

By Tony Dawe and Dominique Searle

Vital evidence relating to the killing of three IRA terrorists by the SAS in Gibraltar is still missing, although a preliminary hearing into the deaths begins on the Rock today.

Mr Felix Pizzarello, the Gibraltar Coroner, has yet to receive any evidence about the terrorists' movements in Spain before they were killed or about the car bomb they had assembled there.

The British Government has made repeated requests to Spain for the information. As the need for it became urgent last week Gibraltar officials were in touch twice daily with the British Embassy in Madrid.

The evidence is important as it will explain how much the SAS knew about the terrorist plans and why the soldiers were prepared to

shoot to kill. Its absence is an important reason for the delay in holding the inquest, which was originally planned to start last week.

The Spanish police co-operated with British intelligence in the build-up to the killing, tracking the terrorists from their base on the Costa del Sol to the frontier and later discovering in Marbella the bomb they had planned to detonate on the Rock.

However, passing that evidence to a Gibraltar court, which the Spanish refuse to recognize, has proved far more difficult.

The British Government began diplomatic moves to obtain the information more than two months ago. At the end of April it handed the Spanish Government in Madrid a special legal document

in the form of a questionnaire, known as a "commission rogatoire".

That document is now passing through the Spanish legal system and requires statements by police officers in Madrid, Malaga, and La Linea, across the frontier from Gibraltar, to be sworn before local magistrates.

The Foreign Office said in London last night: "The commission rogatoire will enable the statement by Spanish police officers to be presented as direct evidence in a Gibraltar court and we understand that all is proceeding normally with it".

The hearing was requested by the British Government to set the terms for members of the SAS to appear at the inquest and to decide what evidence will be called.

## Setback for opera house plan

By Andrew Billen

The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, is facing a big setback in its proposed £100 million redevelopment.

English Heritage's local advisory committee will be told on Wednesday that officers believe the opera house should think again about demolishing two eighteenth-century buildings in Long Acre.

If the committee agrees, English Heritage could refuse permission to redevelop the site. Officers argue that the listed buildings were originally residential properties and could be reconvered.

A report recommends general acceptance of the scheme.

The Covent Garden Community Association has lodged an application at the Court of Appeal to set aside a decision by Westminster City Council last week to grant formal planning consent.

## Company chiefs' salaries top £1m

By Roland Rudd

Rising profits have pushed earnings of some company directors above £1 million a year for the first time, a survey of the 2,000 fastest growing private companies disclosed today.

Two directors of a London-based electronics trading company received an average of £1,150,000, or £44,000 a week each, easily exceeding last year's record of £783,600.

The report by the *Growth Companies Register* shows that I M O Precision Controls' profits rose by 50 per cent to £2,414,000 and that the salaries of Mr Maurice Hatter and Mr Montague Digby Catts, the two directors, amounted to £2,303,000.

The salaries are in contrast to those of directors who worked for the fastest growing company, Electro Acoustic Industries, which supplies loud-

speakers to industry. Its profits rose by nearly 4,000 per cent from £12,000 to £487,000, although its six directors share just £163,000 - an average of £522 a week. I M O Precision Controls is ranked as the 1,615th fastest growing private business in Britain.

The company with the highest profits is Robert Stephens Holdings, a management and industrial holding group. Its latest trading year profits nearly trebled to £77 million.

Mr Roy Assersohn, the compiler of the register, said yesterday that the figures showed how well private companies and owner-managers were doing in the "enterprise culture".

*Growth Companies Register 1988* (Financial Publishing, Regency House, 1-4 Warwick Street, London W1R 5WA; two volumes, £95 each).

## Meeting of multiple minds

By Ian Smith

Unsuspecting visitors thought they were seeing double, treble or even worse when they gingerly stepped on to the lawn of the Earl of Bradford's home at Weston Park yesterday.

Surrounding them were lines of feeding bottles, rows of damp nappies, double-seater buggies and a cacophony of exuberant young voices from 500 members of Britain's most unusual families.

Indeed, it was the country's largest gathering of twins, triplets and quads to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Twins and Multiple Birth Association.

Obviously inspired by the Earl's family motto, "Neither Rashly Nor Timidly", young couples had enthusiastically set about establishing a family

line, which in some cases seemed to go on and on.

Watching over the occasion was Dr Elizabeth Bryan, joint founder of the association and a leading expert on multiple birth families.

Arranging for the meeting at the Earl's seventeenth-century house in Staffordshire was as much a therapeutic occasion as a social one, for the arrival of twins, quins or sextuplets can often put parents under enormous stress.

Many such mothers often find themselves isolated.

Problems with multiple births were first recognized by Dr Bryan 15 years ago and in 1976 she established a twins club in York.

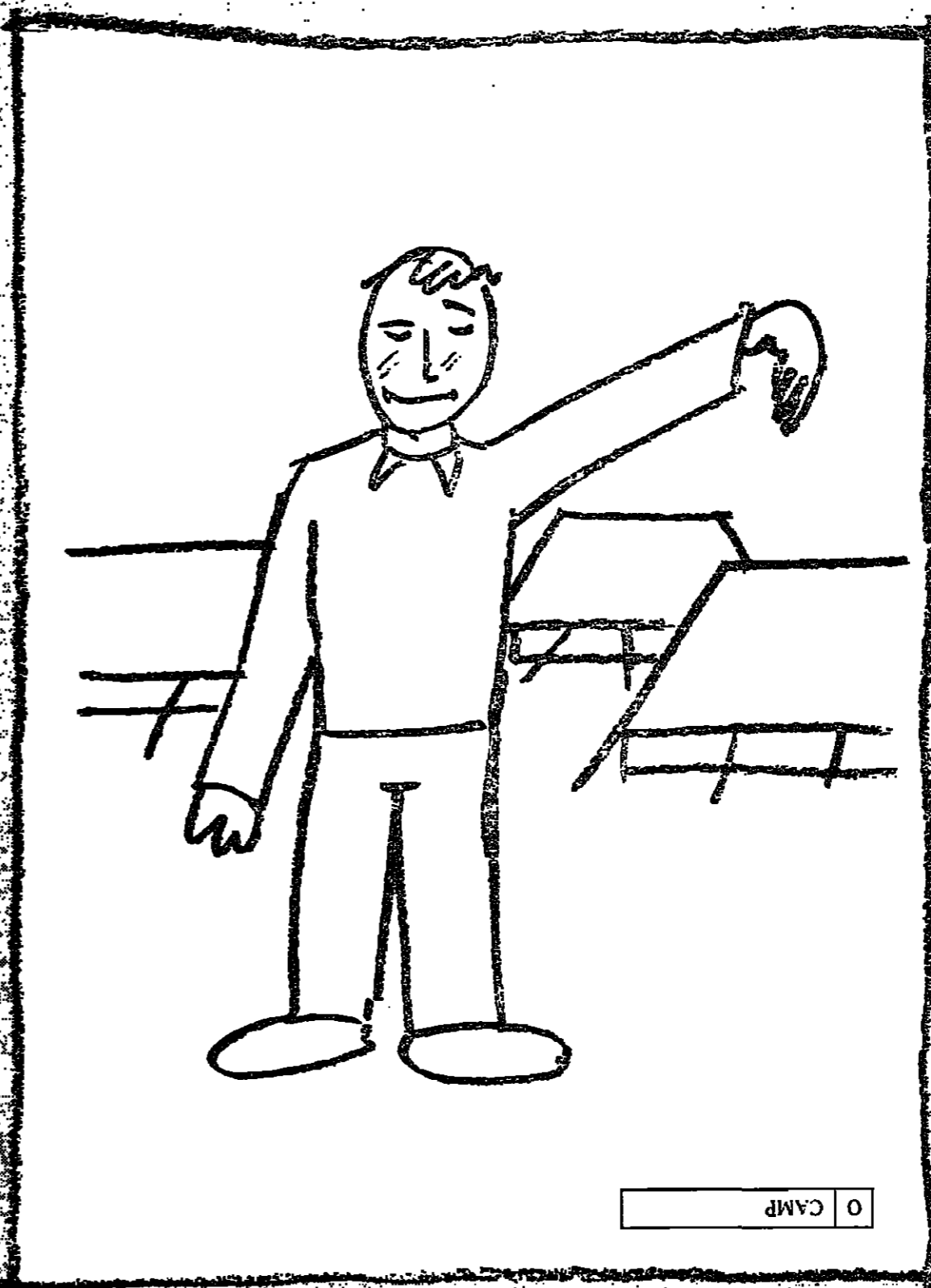
Today there are 200 such clubs offering support and counselling to parents of the

7,000 pairs of twins born each year.

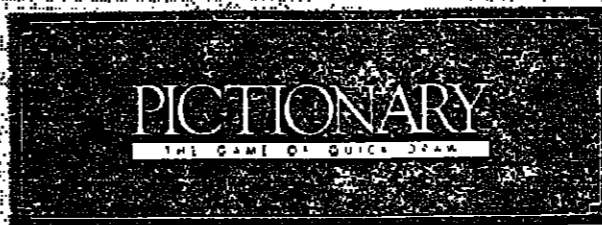
Help is also offered to families of triplets whose numbers have increased from between 60 and 90 to 123 in the past 12 months, in addition to the three or four groups of quads and quins.

Dr Bryan opened the first clinic for four children families next to the twins' clinic at the Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, west London, where she is a consultant paediatrician.

She is also a member of a team undertaking a study of triplets born in this country, and which is appealing to parents willing to take part to contact the Office of Population and Census Survey at St Catherine's House, Kingsway, central London.



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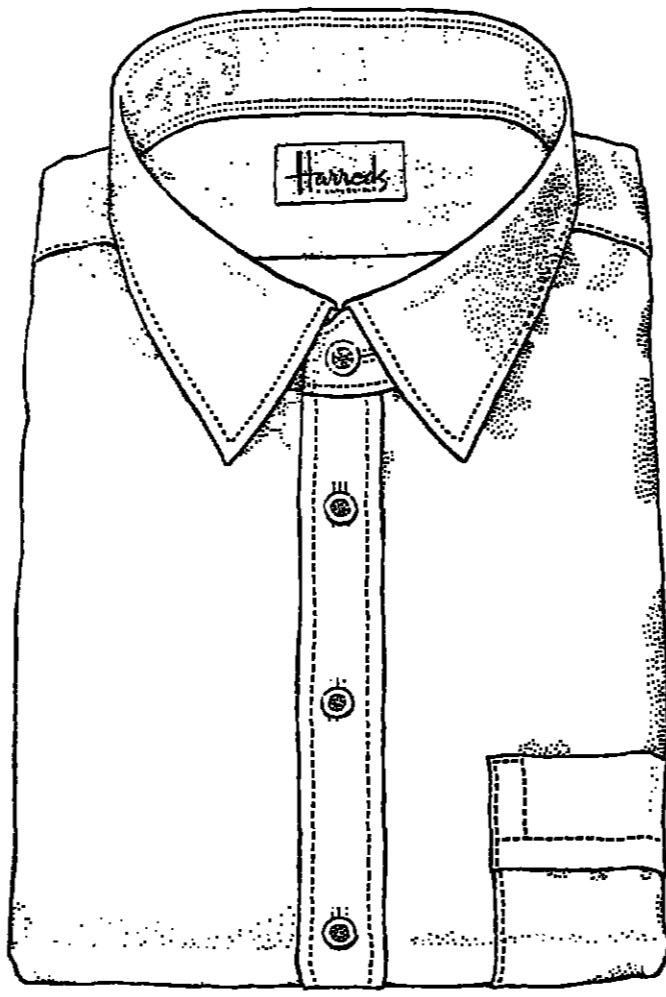
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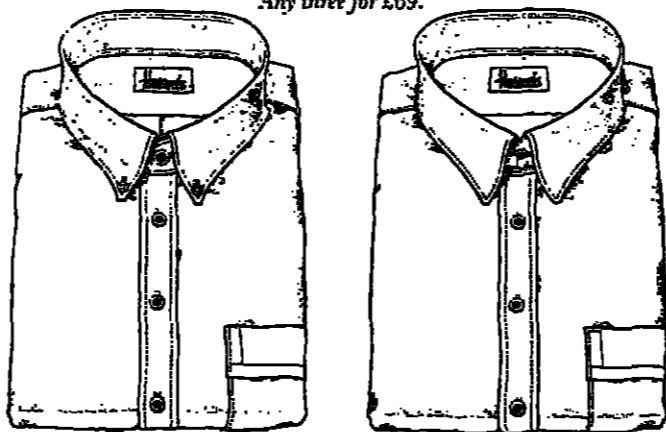
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# Dig sparks riots in Old Jerusalem

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Arab fears of an Israeli attempt to blow up the enclosure containing the Al Aqsa mosque and the Dome of the Rock led yesterday to the most serious rioting in the Old City of Jerusalem since January.

Summoned by loudspeakers in the minarets to defend the holy places, more than 100 masked Arab youths clashed with Israeli police in the narrow alleys of the Muslim quarter, flinging stones, bottles and lumps of concrete as clouds of tear gas drifted across the holy sites.

The trouble began after workmen arrived in the early morning to dig a pit outside the offices of the *Wakf* (Islamic Trust), which administers the mosque. The pit was to reach a Hasmonian tunnel discovered 18 months ago running underground to the Herodian retaining wall of the platform, on which the Jewish temples were built and on which the Muslim holy places now stand.

Muslim suspicions of an Israeli plot to blow up a mosque to rebuild the temple were aroused five years ago after the discovery of a cell of Jewish terrorists who planned to destroy the Dome of the Rock.

The *Wakf*, although it knew of the plan to enter and clean the old tunnel, was not informed when the work would be done and an alarmed official called for help. A prayer leader summoned both



An Arab woman, left, is rushed to a first aid centre after being overcome by tear gas during riots in Jerusalem yesterday.

Muslim and Christian Arabs to help stop the digging.

Mr Ari Chesin, the city's Arab affairs adviser, admitted later it had been a mistake to start the work without warning the *Wakf* in advance. The time, however, had deliberately been kept a secret because the authorities were

worried that the dig might be used as an excuse to cause trouble.

During the rioting eight people, including a girl aged six, were reported to have been injured and there were six arrests. The disturbances were particularly harmful to Israel's efforts to attract tour-

ists because they occurred at a peak time for visitors. Many tours were locked out of the Old City.

After a meeting between the *Wakf*, city authorities and police it was agreed to suspend the dig for several days while tempers cooled.

Elsewhere in the West Bank

there were no serious incidents yesterday after violent disturbances on Saturday in which one Palestinian teenager was killed at Jenin. In Gaza a petrol bomb thrown at an Army patrol caused no casualties, but one soldier was badly injured by a stone at Nuseirat.

## Violence in the Philippines

# Churches plead for peace after rights lawyers shot

From Humphrey Hawksley, Manila

Church leaders and human rights groups in the Philippines have appealed for an end to a spate of violence in which three human rights lawyers, including an Amnesty International leader, have been murdered and a left-wing university president escaped an assassination attempt.

The killings are being blamed on extreme elements in the military. President Aquino is being criticized for failing to control the violence and there are fears of a return to last year's instability.

Late last month Mr Ramon Cura was shot dead in Angeles City, the home of the United States air base, and Mr Alfonso Surigao was shot in front of his daughter in his home in the central city of Cebu. Mr Surigao was the regional chairman of Amnesty International.

On Saturday Mr Emmanuel Mendoz, aged 57, was shot dead in Manila. Mr Mendoz was representing a group accused of being linked to the outlawed Communist Party, and was a close friend of Dr Nemesio Prudente, the left-wing president of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines. Dr Prudente escaped a second assassination

attempt on Thursday only because he was wearing a bullet-proof vest. Three of his bodyguards died.

Other lawyers have spoken of receiving death threats. The killings are thought to be in response to continued attacks by communist guerrillas on low-ranking policemen

Manila (AFP) - Communist guerrillas in the central island of Masbate abducted six farmers and executed them, the official Philippine News Agency reported yesterday. The New People's Army rebels fetched the farmers from their homes, lined them up at a river bank and shot them, the report said.

and soldiers. Church leaders issued a statement appealing for an end to violence by groups of all ideologies. The left-leaning National Movement for Civil Liberties said there was now a "general climate of fear among the citizenry".

Although President Aquino has condemned the killings, her security forces have failed to bring to justice those behind the many assassinations since the Government came to power in 1986. The aim of the assassins

appears to be to dissuade what remains of the legal left from attempting to gain power through parliamentary means.

Suspicion is falling on extreme elements within the military. But the Government appears to be reluctant to move against them. Official reports are believed to have identified the gunmen who tried to kill Dr Prudente in the first attempt on his life, in November. There have been no arrests.

In February, the authorities implicated a number of renegade military officers in the murder of Mr Rolando Olalia, a trade union leader, in 1986. No action has been taken.

Some friends say this lack of action runs against President Aquino's natural inclinations towards left-leaning human rights organizations. Mrs Aquino's hand, though, has been forced by pragmatism. The armed forces put down *muzzies* against her; she now has to show them support.

She is still clinging to her role as a centrist leader, but each outburst of violence by right-wing extremists has seen her shift her policies further to the right, if only to prove that she is against communism and should therefore be allowed to stay in power.

# Britain grapples with twilight Hong Kong rule

From Chris Pomery, Hong Kong

For Britain's administration in Hong Kong, the twilight of empire can seem surreal. Three government ministers have visited the colony in the last month - the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe; the Trade Minister, Lord Young of Graffham; and the Minister with responsibility for Hong Kong, Lord Glenarthur.

Unintentionally, they have focused on a British problem - how to walk out of Hong Kong without breaking into a run. In just under nine years Britain will hand Hong Kong back to China. During the last three, a Joint Liaison Group of British and Chinese diplomats have worked on the fine print of the 1984 Sino-British agreement, shuffling between Peking, Hong Kong and London. Formulas have been agreed to give Hong Kong an international identity on world bodies like GATT (the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade). Administrative details, like adapting Hong Kong's compulsory identity cards, have also been settled.

Yesterday the Joint Liaison Group opened a permanent meeting place, a renovated colonial-style house tucked behind the new Supreme Court skyscraper.

Two issues threaten to increase acrimony: the high cost of Hong Kong's defence and its growing Vietnamese refugee population. It wants Britain to solve both.

Britain reluctantly agreed last week to increase its share of Hong Kong's defence bill. A new agreement, to run until 1997, will cut Hong Kong's bill for British troops. But local legislators are threatening to block funding next week unless Britain improves its deal.

Britain is unable to solve Hong Kong's other irritation, incoming Vietnamese boat people. Hong Kong's refugee population doubled to 16,200 during the last 12 months. Last month Hong Kong, with

Britain's approval, changed the rules. The 1,430 boat people who have arrived since then are held in detention centres with no prospect but prison. Many British officials in Hong Kong and Peking are worried that the increased acrimony pinpoints a deeper problem in Sino-British relations. For example, Britain is supposed to have a good trade relationship with China, yet the trade figures are dismal - West Germany exports four times as much as Britain, Italy a third more. Hong Kong is Britain's 18th largest market, yet a British Chamber of Commerce was only founded here last year.

Moreover there is a wide perception in Hong Kong that China, not Britain, is dictating the colony's political development, a feeling fuelled by the Joint Liaison Group's decision to discuss it, a move endorsed by the British side's adviser who is now Hong Kong's Governor, Sir David Wilson.

Direct elections to Hong Kong's legislature have now been put back a few years. China's draft Constitution for Hong Kong appears to go further along this path. Critics say it redefines promises made in the Sino-British agreement to guarantee Hong Kong a degree of independence after 1997.

Even Chinese leaders are worried that inexperienced mainland businesses may disrupt Hong Kong's trading environment and the emigration "brain drain" may accelerate.

A Vietnamese influx: More than 400 Vietnamese boat people arrived in Hong Kong over the weekend, (AFP reports).

Nine boats carrying 286 Vietnamese were intercepted on Saturday, and 123 boat people were picked up on Sunday, the Government Information Service said. All 414 would be taken to a reception centre for screening.

# Lange in hospital

Wellington - Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, may require surgery for an artery restriction after being admitted to hospital in Auckland at the weekend with chest pains (Richard Long writes). Mr Geoffrey Palmer, the deputy Prime Minister, was recalled from Singapore, where he was en route to Moscow for an important visit, the first by a New Zealand politician of his ranking for 30 years. Mr Lange, aged 43, had recently complained of stomach pains, staff said.

## Nine killed

Boon - All nine people on board a West German troop-carrying helicopter were believed killed when it crashed into a mountain in Bavaria. Last week three US F16 fighter aircraft on low-level training in Germany crashed, killing one pilot.

## Furnace blast

Kure, Japan (AFP) - Four workers died and 30 were treated for carbon monoxide poisoning after a furnace exploded at a large steel mill.

## Children hurt

Karachi (Reuters) - At least 12 children playing on a rubbish dump were injured when a home-made bomb exploded.

## Peace promise

Darjeeling (Reuters) - Mr Subhas Ghising, the militant Gurkha leader, has promised to halt violence to facilitate talks on demands for an autonomous Gurkha state.

## Death verdict

Delhi (AFP) - A woman judge in Meerut has sentenced to death three men who raped and killed a girl, aged 16, two years ago.

## Drugs seized

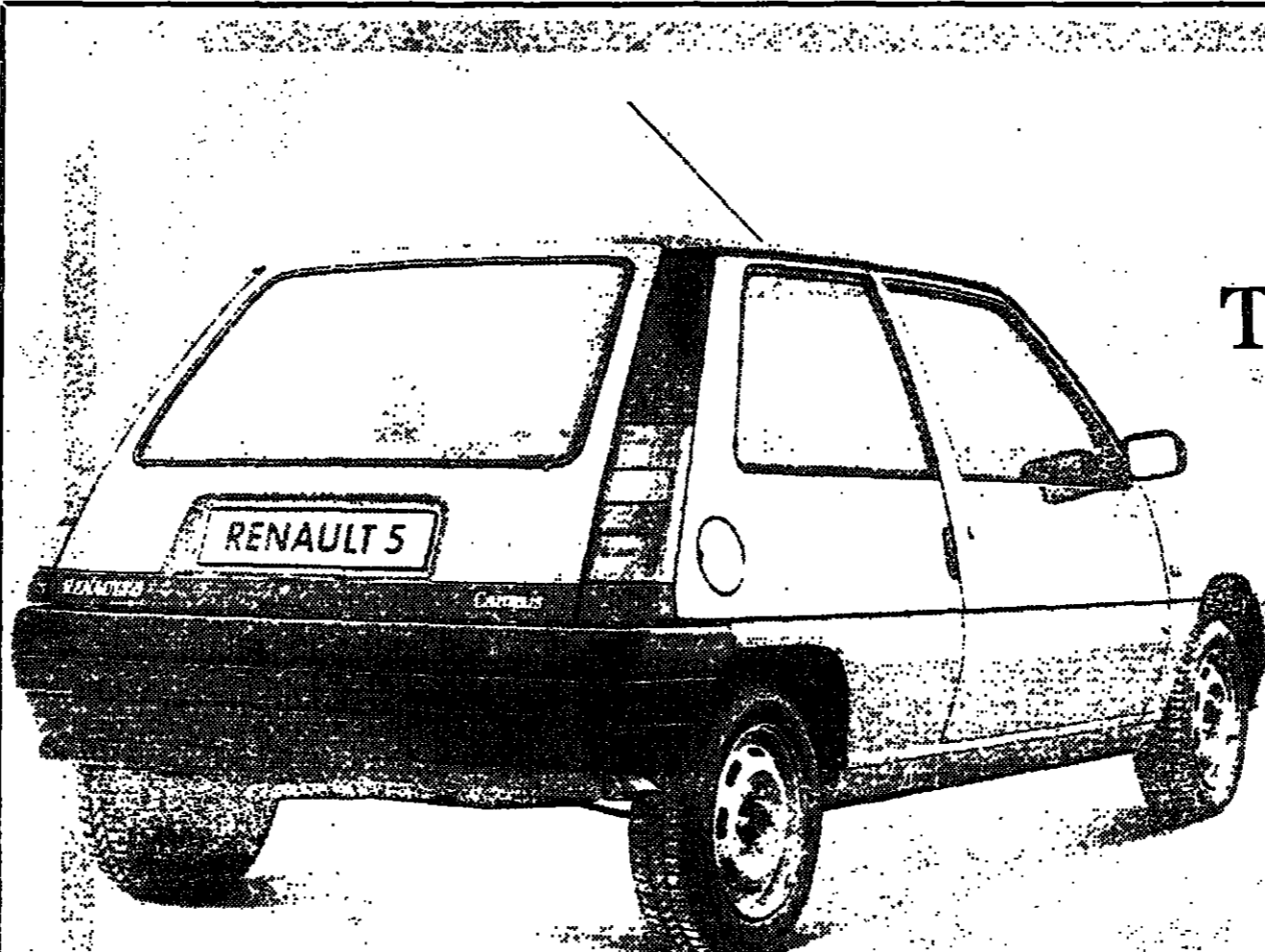
Seattle (AFP) - US Coastguards have seized a Panamanian-registered freighter carrying 50 tons of marijuana, with a retail value in excess of \$200 million, off the west coast of the United States.

## Taiwan quake

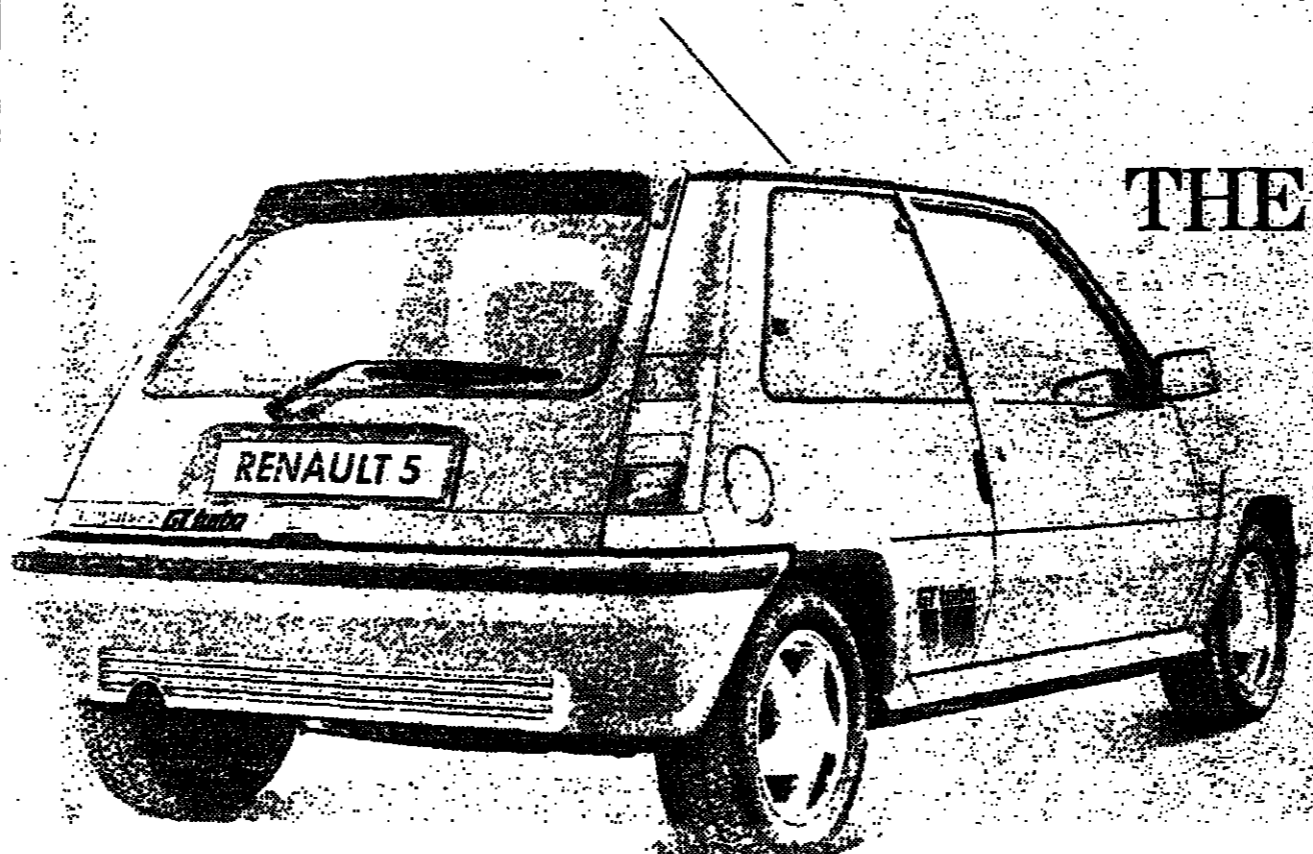
Taipei (AP) - An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale shook northern Taiwan, triggering rockfalls that injured 14 people at three mountain sightseeing spots.

## Crime raid

Hong Kong (AFP) - About 70 people have been arrested in a massive police raid on nightclubs and vice-dens aimed at cracking down on organized crime syndicates, police said.



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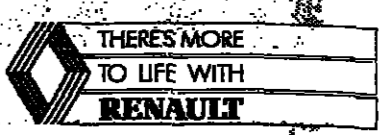
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# After his conference triumph the Kremlin leader faces a hostile reception from Warsaw allies

## Gorbachov sets fast pace for Moscow's reform programme

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

Now that the special conference of the Soviet Communist Party has ended, party organizations throughout the country have to start tackling reforms they never expected to see, let alone put into practice.

Just how unexpected the political reform programme was to most delegates became clear from the speech of Mr Boris Yeltsin, the former head of the Moscow party organization and now Deputy Minister of Construction.

He said that one of the proposals - to combine the posts of party first secretary and local government chairman - had come as a complete surprise, even to him as a government minister, and he wanted time to think about it.

According to the general conference resolution published at the weekend, this reform and all the other changes to the political structure are supposed to be complete within a year. This is a cracking pace for any Soviet institution - the Communist Party more than most - and was probably set by the leadership deliberately in an attempt to prevent inertia.

Party organizations have been told that between now and the end of 1988 they must conduct a "report and election" campaign. This is less drastic than a recall of party cards, which had been widely feared, because it does not require members to re-apply for admission. But if the mood of unrestrained criticism established at the party conference continues, not all will keep their jobs.

The conference resolution also stipulates that the re-organization of the party apparatus, which is believed to recommend the abolition of many Central Committee departments, should be complete by the end of 1988.

The second part of the resolution says that the proposals for reform of the Supreme Soviet, which include the introduction of a new style of presidency, should be considered at its regular autumn session.

This meeting would also consider the required revisions to the Soviet Constitution, and the organization of national elections to the proposed new body, the Congress of National Deputies. These elections, it says, should be held next year. New elections to the lower-level soviets are scheduled for next autumn.

Some of the haste with which the conference ended late on Friday is apparent from the delay in the publication of the official documents. Only the general resolution setting out the timetable for political changes appeared immediately. The six individual resolutions are taking longer.

According to Soviet press reports, two of the resolutions - on relations between ethnic groups and on the details of the reform of the political structure - caused particular problems. Amendments were being drafted and voted on up to the very close of proceedings. The other resolutions will relate to the progress of economic reform, the policy of *glasnost*, the reform of the legal system and combating "bureaucratism".

Two proposed amendments, both of which would have diminished the power of the Central Committee and increased the power of local party organizations, were rejected after discussion.

The first was that *Pravda* should cease to be the official newspaper of the Central Committee and become the organ of the Communist Party as a whole. The second recommended that the party general secretary should be elected formally at a full party congress, not at a Central Committee plenum.

Speaking to journalists at the weekend, Mr Anatoly Dobrynin, the former Soviet Ambassador in Washington who is now a member of the Central Committee secretariat, said that many details remained to be clarified and specified further discussion.

Ethnic relations is to be the subject of a special Central Committee plenum. The re-

forms of the legal system are to be drafted by legal specialists and then submitted for nationwide discussion before being passed into law.

Mr Dobrynin would also have to be changes in the state Constitution and in the party statutes before all the recommendations discussed at the conference were finalized.

While the Supreme Soviet can make changes to the Constitution, amendments to the party statutes have to wait for the next congress, in late 1990 or early 1991.

Although the conference was a personal triumph for Mr Gorbachov, both in the openness of the debate and in the approval of all six resolutions, it was clear that deep divisions in the Soviet Communist Party leadership remain.

Judging by the delegates' speeches, two issues in addition to the structural reforms proved particularly contentious: the way *glasnost* was operating and the pace of the economic reform programme.

Despite the protestations of Mr Yegor Ligachev, who ranks second in the Soviet leadership, that there was no split in the Politburo, his attacks on "abuses" of editorial freedom and his calls for caution in economic reform contrasted with the appeals for more freedom and the impatience with *perestroika* of many other delegates.

However sweeping the changes appear, many of the reforms approved by the conference bear distinct marks of compromise.

The struggle between the out and out reformists and the gradualists will go on for a long time yet.

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The face of Lenin looking down sternly from the walls of the KGB headquarters in Moscow, as the Soviet Communist Party debated issues in the era of Mr Gorbachov's *glasnost*.

## Katyn killings cloud feelings on Polish visit

By Our East Europe Correspondent

Of the many blind spots in the recent history of Polish-Soviet relations, none casts a longer shadow over Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's visit to Poland on July 11 than the massacre of more than 8,000 Polish officers at Katyn.

It retains an almost hypnotic fascination for Poles. Nothing epitomizes their hatred of the Russians more than this example of Stalin's ruthlessness. It was more than just a war crime. It was the ultimate proof of the Soviet Union's perfidy. Moscow, however, denounced the reports, accusing the Germans of perpetrating the massacre.

An international commission and the research of many historians have proved, beyond any reasonable doubt, that the atrocity was committed by the Russians. Despite the evidence and Moscow's recent criticism of Stalin, the Russians have adhered to their plea of not guilty.

But it is likely that Mr Gorbachov has, for some time, wished to "come clean" on Katyn. Last year, a joint Polish-Soviet commission of historians was established to examine the "white spots" in the two countries' history.

Its conclusions are eagerly awaited, and its report on Katyn will inevitably arouse obsessive interest among a nation which is still mesmerized by the events of the Second World War.

It may decide that the Katyn question can remain on ice for a little longer, but Mr Gorbachov's instincts regarding the media may persuade him to issue a statement of contrition. Whatever happens, it is doubtful whether he will persuade the Poles to dislike the Russians less.

MOSCOW: Moscow Radio's English language service hinted in May that Soviet historians might be prepared to accept the Polish point of view on Katyn (Mary Dejevsky writes).

In a report from Katyn forest, the radio journalist said that the site bore an inscription attributing the killings to the Nazi forces. He added that there was some question about responsibility and "a German protocol which has now surfaced suggests Soviet bullets were found in the bodies."

Last week Professor Yevgeny Erznakov said that the commission had not completed its investigation and there was still some doubt about who killed the officers.

## Shackled existence for unofficial Soviet press

In May The Times published a survey of the unprecedented level of unofficial political activity and civil unrest inside the Soviet Union. This is the first of a series of weekly reports on aspects of unofficial opposition activity compiled from dissident and published sources.

There are at least 220 informal publications appearing regularly throughout the Soviet Union. Although these publications are grudgingly tolerated, they are not permitted to have access to any of the resources available to the official Soviet press. A few of the unofficial journals have copying machines and some have word processors. The majority use manual typewriters.

Despite *glasnost*, those who produce these informal journals are still subject to various forms of harassment by the Soviet authorities, including raids by police on premises where publications are produced; brief periods of detention of editorial, typewriter and confiscation of equipment. Several individuals connected with informal journals have received death threats to themselves and their families.

A chronology of new publications is as follows:

Jan 6, 1987, Moscow: First issue of *Day by Day* launched by the "Group for Trust between the USSR and the USA". The journal proclaims the article's aim "to create a pluralistic and democratic society in the Soviet Union".

April 25, 1987, Leningrad: *Mercury* launched by the group "Epitaph", editor, Ms Elena Zelinskaya. The journal is founded as a point of reference for people in unofficial groups in Leningrad.

June 2, 1987, Moscow: First issue of *Glasnost* - perhaps the best known of these magazines in the West - published by the Science Group.

June 1987, Kiev: *Ekologiya i Kultura* (Ecology and Culture) launched, editor-in-chief, M. Talalai. This journal represents various ecological groups in Leningrad.

July 10, 1987, Moscow: Grigoriants refused official permission to publish *Glasnost* by First Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers Press Department. The principal reason given: a paper shortage.

July 31, 1987, Moscow: *The Bulletin of the Christian Community* launched at a press conference. Chief editor, Alexander Ogorodnikov. The journal offers articles on religion and philosophy and a calendar of Christian events.

August 1, 1987, Moscow: First edition of *Express Khronika* published. Editor, Alexander Podrabinek. *Express Khronika* is a weekly newspaper providing short reports of events not covered by the official press.

August 10, 1987, Lvov: *Ukrainski Yeznik* launched; editor, Vyacheslav Chervov. This journal is devoted to Ukrainian problems and supports the separatist aspirations of the province's population.

Oct 3, 1987, Moscow: Grigoriants calls press conference where he announces that the authorities have destroyed the entire print run of the eighth edition of *Glasnost* and arrested two members of the editorial board, Andrei Shilkov and Dimitri Eysner. Only the original of the eighth edition remains. Shilkov and Eysner released later that day.

Oct 25, 1987, Leningrad: Twenty editors of unofficial journals hold a congress at the Literary Club organized by Ms Zelinskaya (editor of *Mercury*). Six government officials present as observers. The final communiqué demands an end to administrative pressure on the informal press and a lifting of restrictions on the availability of copying equipment.

October 1987, Moscow: *Zemlya* (Land) is re-launched, editor, Vladimir Asopov. It was started in 1976.

Oct 25, 1988, Moscow: *Independent Press Club* formed. Founding declaration includes "asserting our adherence to the ideas of the freedom of the press, and believing in our natural and inalienable right to unite in our general aims to: a) exchange publications between members of the club; b) create libraries, archives, and specialist catalogues; c) organize a legal service to defend the interests of members."

May 5, 1988, Lissa, Riga: Demonstration dedicated to a "Day of the Press" organized by Lissa branch of "Agisinki 80". Ten demonstrators stood with symbolic signs over their mouths.

May 7-8, 1988, Moscow: Second conference of representatives of independent publications attended by 43 representatives of 30 independent journals. Speakers included the editor of *Poednik* (Single Combat), Kirill Podrabinek who suggested the creation of a samizdat news agency, and Grigoriants, who introduced discussion of journalistic ethics. Final communiqué signed by representatives of 27 publications.

May 9, 1988, Moscow: Grigoriants arrested for allowing editorial offices of *Glasnost* to be used for a meeting of the "Democratic Union".

May 12, 1988, Moscow: Valeria Novodvorskaya, a founder member of the "Democratic Union", demonstrated in Pushkin Square on behalf of Grigoriants. She was detained after 30 minutes had elapsed.

May 16, 1988, Moscow: Grigoriants released by the authorities.

May 17, 1988, Moscow: Novodvorskaya was sentenced to 15 days in detention and was sent to a special station in the village of Severny. Once there, she declared herself to be on hunger strike.

ers criticize the official Lvov press for vilifying members of the unofficial press.

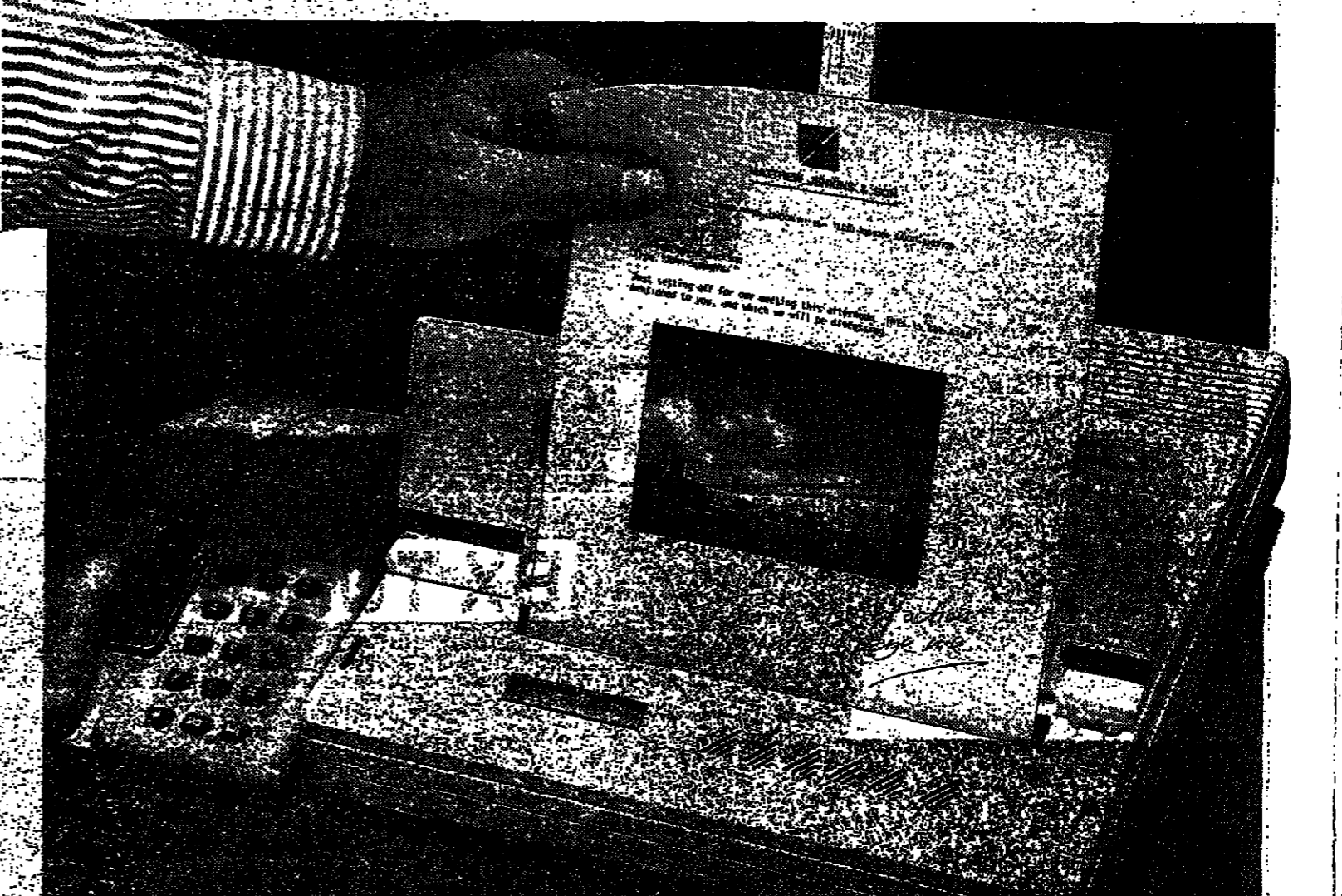
April 2, 1988, Leningrad: *Rubikon* launched; editor, Igor Dashkevich. This journal largely concerns itself with the official and unofficial trade union movement.

April 20, 1988, Riga: *Sudburgen* launched; editor, Aivars Yakovich. This journal concerns itself with ecology, history and the arts.

April 22, 1988, Sverdlovsk: *Slovo Urala* (The Word from the Urals) launched; editor, Ilshat Nazzyrov. This journal deals with questions of ideology, politics, culture, economics and ecology.

April 23-26, 1988, Moscow: Conference to found the International Section of the Federation of Journalists held by representatives of some of the independent journals in Moscow, Riga, Leningrad and other cities.

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# If you want a job done well . . .

The answer could be to hire a woman. Lee Rodwell investigates the rise of workwomen and asks if they are the answer to a working woman's prayer

**H**ave you ever watched a pot-bellied plumber spray oily water all over your newly papered living room wall, or groaned inwardly as a pair of size 10 boots trod paint into your furred carpets? Have you ever taken time off from work to wait for builders who fail to turn up, or electricians who disappear as soon as they arrive to get the part you warned them had blown up?

It might sound sexist, but perhaps there is a solution to all these problems: workwomen. The number of women choosing to enter the manual trades is small but growing. Now it is possible to find women qualified as painters, decorators, plasterers, bricklayers, plumbers, carpenters and electricians — and more women are choosing to employ them.

Lorna Wright was Britain's first registered female plumber and now runs her own business in Rochdale, Lancashire. She started off helping her father during the school holidays when she was 14 and eventually qualified and took over the business when ill-health forced him to retire. "I think the advantage is that women are more understanding of other women," she says. "Pensioners and single women, for instance, worry about letting people into their houses. Also they tend to clean up after the job when a lot of men don't."

being made to feel idiots," she says. "Also, although there are men who are careful and considerate, I think women in general are more sensitive to the environment. You understand that the job is more than a job, it's about their home and the way they feel about it. And there is the security aspect, too. Women who employ me are happy to drop their keys off, they trust me."

Kate Osborn, a carpenter in south-east London, agrees. "I get a lot of work simply through word of mouth. Women ring up specifically because they've had bad experiences with male workers."

Other women confirm this pattern. Lisa Ridley, a bricklayer from Willesden, north London, says that with every job so far this year she has come in after male builders and electricians — and more women have done something dreadful.

She tells the story of the man who built a patio without drainage so that every time it rained, it flooded. And the man who fitted new windows but forgot to put in lintels over the top. "That particular client was extra-sensitive about building work in general by this time and required a lot of reassurance. You have to take on a motherly role sometimes to deal with distraught clients."



Practical answers: plumber Lorna Wright, who says women are more understanding, and decorator Jacqui Elliott, who has been in business for five years



to stay home and deal with you. "A lot of women are very glad they don't have to talk to yet another stropky decorator. Women feel they could handle another woman better than a man if they did something they weren't happy about."

to handle manual work. "Most of my work is domestic and I find that being small (I'm five foot one) I can get under sinks and into lofts easily, which is a distinct advantage," Wright points out. "And with everything today being copper and plastic, materials aren't that heavy to carry."

nurse is expected to be do for a third of the wages." So will we see a lot more workwomen in future? It is a moot point. Although all the women interviewed had no regrets, most pointed out that the path they had chosen had often been far from easy. On building sites they can, according to one, "end up being the only woman among a bunch of hostile men". The reaction of family and friends to their choice had varied from positive encouragement in Wright's case, to amusement in Osborn's (her mother is a teacher), to disapproval in Elliott's. "My mother just wouldn't talk about it for two years, but now I'm running my own business it's okay."

## The chief in high heels and a suit

**Y**ou might think the Indians would have reservations about commemorating July 4. But Wilma Mankiller, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, and her family and friends will be having fireworks and festivities — just like millions of other Americans. The Chief smiles diplomatically: "We celebrate all American holidays with the exception of Columbus Day, because how could he claim to have discovered the country if we were already here?"

Mankiller, of Oklahoma, is the first woman chief of the Cherokee nation. She is not a Boadicea of the plains, however, but a brisk businesswoman in a crisp linen suit and high-heeled shoes, who likes to keep her feet firmly beneath her. A liberal Democrat and committed feminist, she favoured Pat Schroeder when the congresswoman was a possible candidate

formally in the tribal newsletter which goes out to the 87,000 registered tribal members. She tackles questions about racism and bigotry head on. "Yes, it's been a long, hard battle — sometimes I think we begin to believe our negative stereotypes. There is still prejudice, of course, but in this part of the world we've infiltrated so many positions of power that often those in a position to discriminate are now Cherokee themselves." Her door is always open, both at the office and in the unpretentious home she shares with her husband, Charlie Soap, and their four dogs. Tribe members feel free to visit their chief without prior appointment, and lay their problems before her. Above her desk hangs the impressive seal of the Cherokee Nation, a heavy carved wooden shield with a seven-pointed star to symbolize the seven Clans. Mankiller herself is of the Wolf Clan, like her husband; the marriage would have been discouraged years ago when clans were more in-breeds than they are now, and tribe members had to move away from their native villages to find suitable mates. Soap, her second husband, is a full-blooded Cherokee. He cooks



Chief Wilma Mankiller: hardly a Boadicea of the plains

before been a woman chief. It is a matrilineal society, Mankiller explains, with lineage, clan and entitlements traced through the mother, not the father. As far back as 1720 a Cherokee woman with the disappointing name of Nancy Ward was head of the influential Women's Council. The Cherokees built the first free girls' school west of the Mississippi, and the Cherokee Female Seminary, built in the 1850s, demonstrated the significance of women in this society at a time when the education of white women was largely confined to the home. The Cherokees have a history of successful litigation, and were the first Indian nation to take on the US Supreme Court — and win — in 1830. An important part of Mankiller's job is to keep an eye on the erosion of Cherokee rights — to the Arkansas riverbanks and beds, in particular, although not the water that flows through them. Mankiller spent much of her youth in San Francisco, where she did not learn to speak Cherokee, but became involved in the Indian activist movement at San Francisco State University at its peak in the 1960s and early 1970s. "The younger generation today wants to assimilate," she says, "but I don't think we'd exist as a people without a strong sense of our culture and history." The revitalization of the tribe is her major goal, and much progress has been made. "From being practically bankrupt 15 years ago with the tribe housed in a store front we now employ 700 people with an annual operating budget of \$37 million for 1986," Mankiller says proudly, showing me round the purpose-built tribal complex. Health care is a cause for concern, since drinking and diabetes are particular problems among the Indians — "but the Cherokees have no greater drink problem than the rest of the country," Mankiller says. Nevertheless, she has just opened a new alcohol and drug abuse centre for teenagers at the Sequoia Indian School. "Access has been a big problem in health care," she points out, "as well as cultural differences. Some of our people, like my uncle, still like to use medicine men and traditional healers and there are conflicts between the older and younger generations on this."

Victoria McKee  
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## Turn for the worse

The way we live now, we have to believe what the stock market analysts are telling us and what they are telling us is that the way we live now may soon become the way we lived then. "We're now in a transitional phase back toward a mood of pessimism," says stock market analyst Robert Prechter. "It's an inevitable occurrence borne from human nature. Trends appear, society takes them as far as possible, then the trend reverses."

**PENNY PERRICK**  
reading the new Alison Lurie and not wearing shoes. Well, it seems that I am in the vanguard on this one. *New York* magazine, the periodical with its pages on the pulse of society, quotes an "erstwhile man-about-town" as saying, "I'm tired of dealing with waiters. I want to go to this new place, Tribeca, in Times Square the other night. The dia was deafening. I just wanted to get home." The new pessimism has certainly got to him all right, and I'm sure he'll be a much happier man for it. Pessimism has its own pleasures, solitudo being one of them. In optimistic eras, staying at home alone is regarded as suspect. A friend of mine lectures me constantly on "mooning around in that dingy basement". But this practice will soon be seen as so bang up-to-date that I wouldn't be surprised if *New York* magazine, not to mention *Vogue*, *Cosmopolitan* and *The Face* devoted whole features to me, captioned "the woman who contemplates life from her cool cellar".

## The test of time

When women had to wait several weeks to find out if they were pregnant, they tended to keep the news quiet for several more. But now that home pregnancy tests can give a result on the first day of a missed period many are going public immediately. It is now possible to announce a two-week pregnancy. But how wise is it to do so? Dr Mandy Donaldson, principal biochemist at the Chelsea Hospital for Women, who has studied the available tests in detail, believes that if they are done correctly they are as accurate as the manufacturers claim. "But I'm not convinced that it's a good idea to market tests that can be used on the first day of a missed period. About 60 per cent of conceptions are lost around that time, usually without the woman even knowing." The boom in home test kits over the past three or four years follows the development of monoclonal antibodies which specifically identify the "pregnancy" hormone, human chorionic gonadotrophin. This is produced by the embryo at implantation and secreted in the woman's urine. There are now at least nine tests on the market, most selling for around £6 or £7.

The latest — First Response — takes only five minutes, can be done at any time of the day and, say the manufacturers, is 99 per cent accurate on the first day of a missed period. Next week sees the launch of

## The test of time

Is earlier better for pregnancy testing? Clear Blue One Step (£8.35 for a two-test pack), the only test, say its makers, which does not require the collection of a urine sample. It takes only three minutes and also offers accuracy on the first day of a missed period. Dr Sue Gregson, scientific officer for the British Pregnancy Advisory Service, which deals with the whole spectrum of human fertility, feels that using such early tests can be "an emotional minefield. You may be discovering a pregnancy which is going to be lost anyway." "Obviously in rape cases, or where there may be a danger of an ectopic pregnancy, you need to know as soon as possible. But studying your cycle in detail is completely inappropriate for most people and may in itself cause stress which affects both ovulation and menstruation." Even where a pregnancy is unwanted, BPAS always advises women to wait a week after a missed period before testing. Spokeswoman Diane Munday explains: "Sixty per cent of the tests we do are negative. If a woman waits six days her period may come anyway. So money for such tests may not be well spent."

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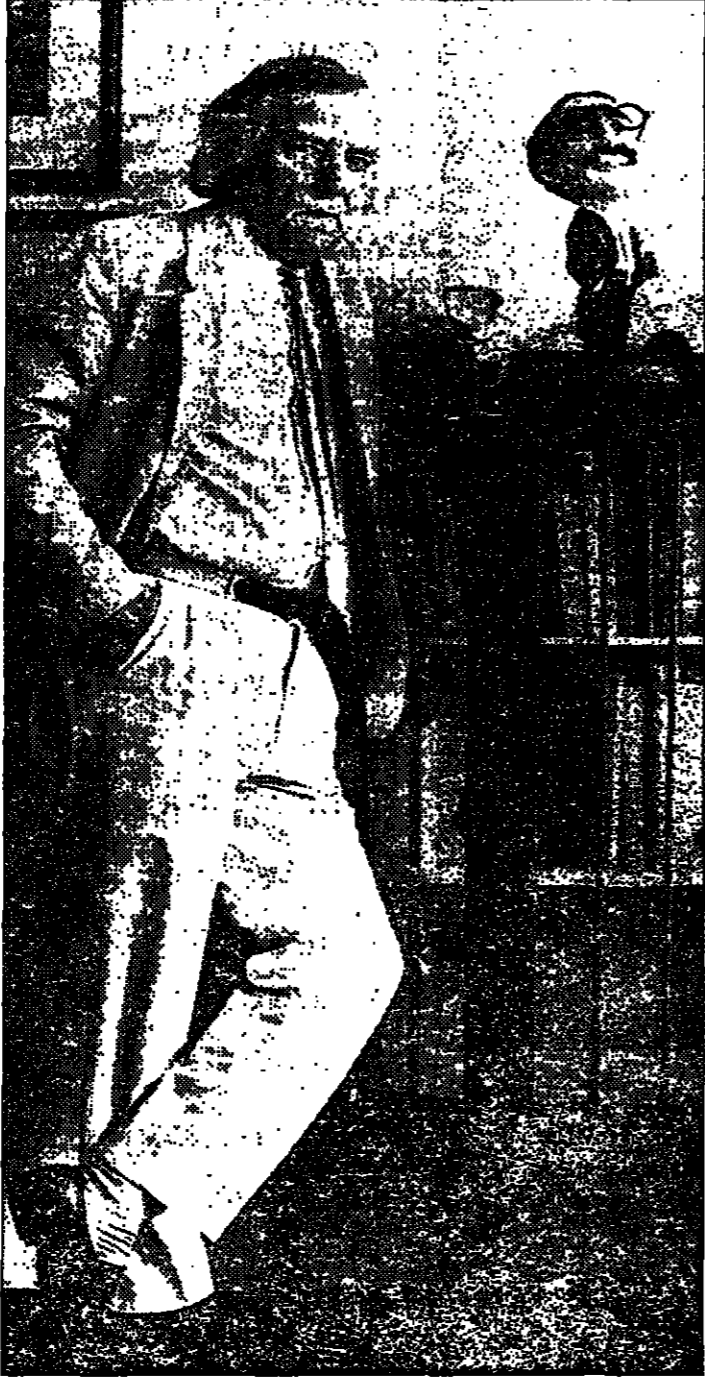
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THE ARTS

Chris Peachment talks to Keith Waterhouse about his novel, *Our Song* — and some personal matters

TELEVISION Poodle patter

In the very small hours of Sunday morning, while solid citizens were abed and dreaming of fist-sized globes of custard winging back and forth across nets of spaghetti, After Dark (Channel 4) convoked seven reasonable people to talk reasonably enough of animals' rights... On one plush sofa sat Katie Boyle with a white poodle which bore an uncanny resemblance to Barbara Cartland.



Author Waterhouse: books remarkable for a style of ease and facility

Waterhouse blues

Keith Waterhouse does not exactly suffer from writer's block. Our Song, which is published next Thursday (Hodder & Stoughton, £10.95) will be his tenth novel. Also on a CV as long as a Krav brother's record sheet are nine "general" books (including the Daily Mirror Style Book, which is currently revising for Penguin).

with his obsessive questioning about her past... Waterhouse says "I really wanted to bang both their heads together by that point."... "I've got the power of love," he claims, "the immoderate behaviour, and the book is very positive on all of that."

RADIO A game of I Spy

"Nowadays the great headlines are in the tabloid press... I am a terrible hypochondriac. I have been surgically ill several times, but have cured myself by not going to the doctor."

I spent much of last week doing as far as possible the best first repeats brought on by Radio 4's parade of winners in the Sony and Giles Cooper Awards. But if the machine guns don't get you, the heavy mortar will, and there was no ducking three consecutive evenings of My Country, Right or Wrong (Radio 4, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday).

Skipping between the clichés

ing trick far more successfully in the second act, it is partly because he conflict between power and political freedom is finally given its head and also because the play's best character is given hers. Harry Brock is a millionaire junk-man who has come to Washington to bribe a senator to help him in his business interests.

mistress Billie. Brenda Blethyn seems to be playing for cheap laughs with her affected gait and crashing vulgarities. But you begin to see the affectations as skin deep even before Billie is revealed as a political Eliza Doolittle. This is an ebullient a clever performance, skipping so nimbly between the clichés that you almost forget they are there.

The sound of competition

JAZZ Chris McGregor/Tony Williams Quintet Queen Elizabeth Hall A replacement of sorts for the Camden Jazz Week, the South Bank's "Sounds Good" season was always likely to be a poor relation to next week's Capital/JVC Jazz Parade.

most of the ensemble passages. As expected, the pianist concentrated on material from Country Cooking, an album which once again demonstrates his affinity for the township music of his native South Africa.

Wallace Roney and saxophonist Billy Pierce seemed to spend more time signalling to the mixing desk than actually playing. After an unsuccessful flirtation with fusion music, their leader has now turned full circle, back to the intense improvisation of the mid-Sixties Miles Davis quintets.

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Mixed bag benefit

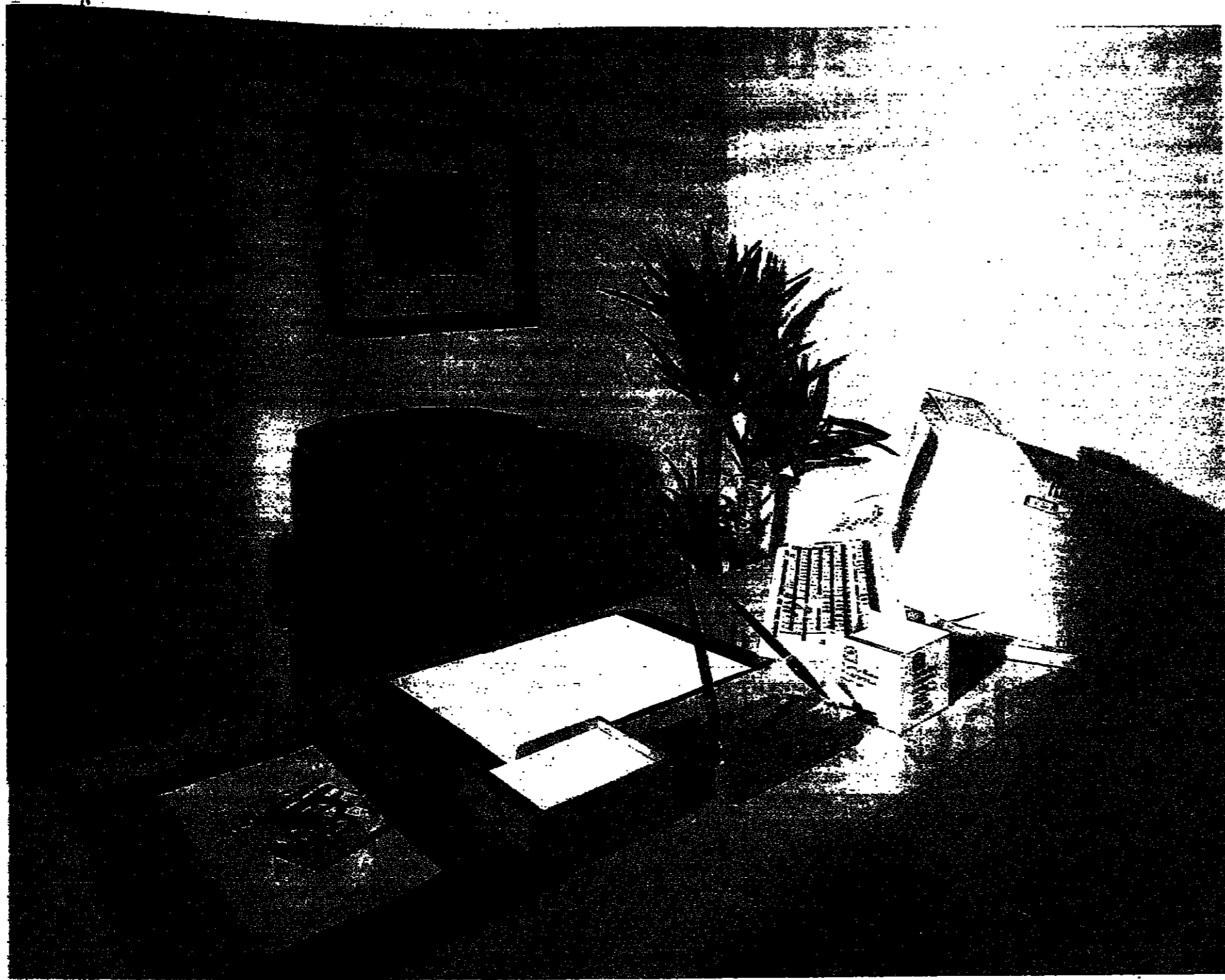
ROCK David Bowie & Others Dominion The first of two benefit concerts staged by the ICA on its own behalf, was marred by various irritations which tended to dampen enthusiasm.

down to the front as the toast of the English independent scene, led by the engaging singer Rolo McGinty, launched into an energetic and inventive set. Their colourful art-rock style, reminiscent of the Triffids, lacked the authority required to command attention so near the top of a bill at an event like this, but it was a commendable effort nonetheless.

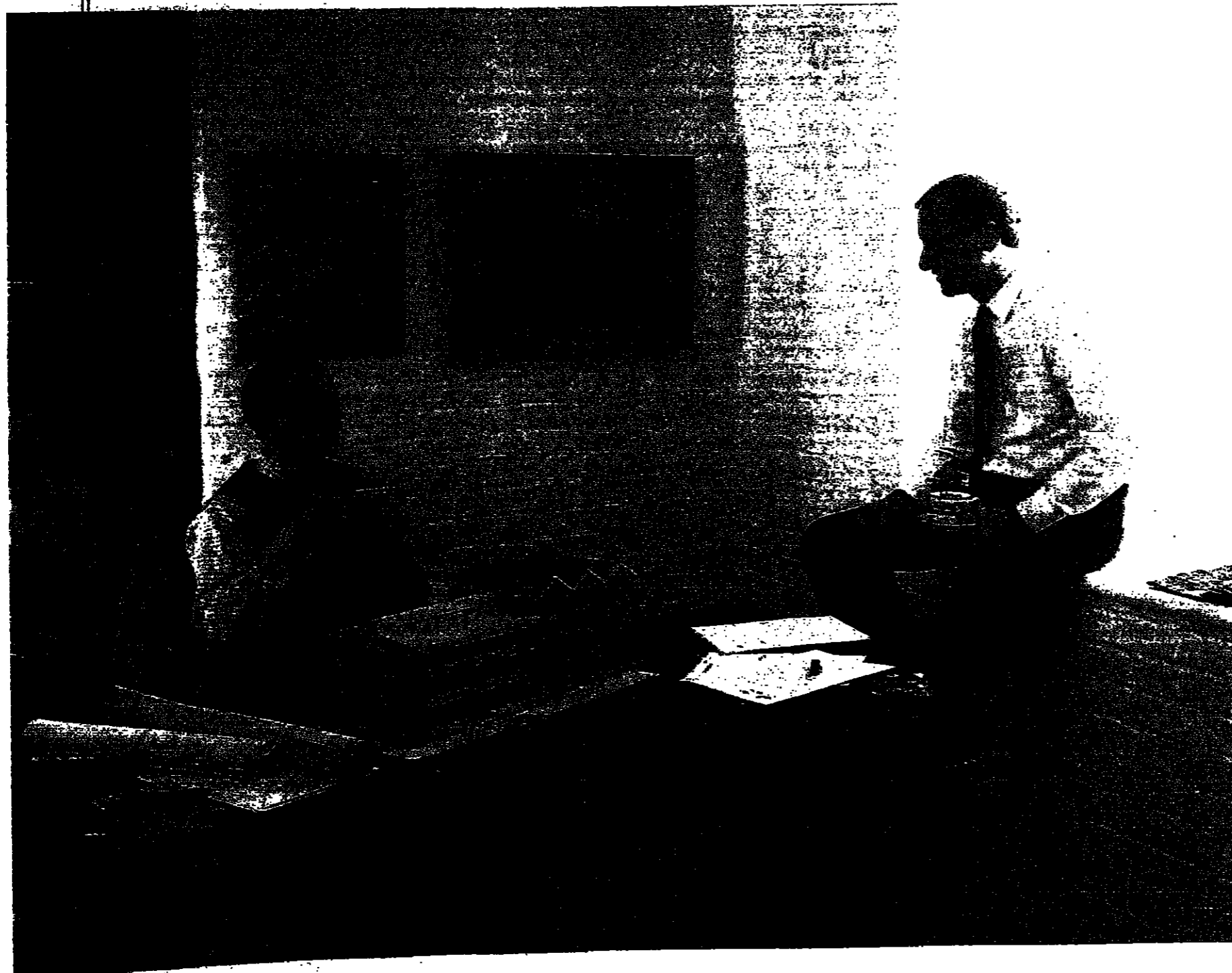
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THEATRE LONDON

\* BACK WITH A VENGEANCE: Dame Edna Everage back again joshing the possums. Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 5-11pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.30pm. £5.50-£17.50. Ends July 9. (D)

\* TOO CLEVER BY HALF: Alex Jennings plays the honey-tongued rascal... Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 7.45pm, mat Wed 2.30 and Sat 4pm. Previews £4-£13. From June 28 £4-£14.

\* UNCLE VANYA: Michael Gambon, Jonathan Pryce and Imelda Staunton... Phoenix Theatre, Channing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-11pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.30pm. £5-£14.

\* EXCLUSIVE YARNS: Scap opera, set in a wool shop... Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mat Sat 5-6.30pm. £5-£14.

\* TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD: James Cagney as the wise white lawyer... Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mat Sat 5-6.30pm. £5-£14.

\* THIS ISLAND'S MINE: Touching and ingenious play... Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mat Sat 5-6.30pm. £5-£14.

\* WORD-WATCHING: Answers from page 20... Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mat Sat 5-6.30pm. £5-£14.



Three steps to success

In 1960 Adam Faith's "Poor Me" reached number one in the British Hit Parade... Bill Morrison, previewing from tonight. Vincent, Cochran and Billy Fury are now dead but Joe Brown - hair as blonde as ever - has been helping the cast capture the spirit of those far off years...

\* CROCODILE DUNDEE II (PG): Disappointingly flat sequel to the runaway Aussie hit... Progs 1.25, 3.45, 6.10, 8.30.

\* COVENTRY: A Bare Necessities: Erotic antics on a hyperactive campus... Progs 8.15, 10.45, 1.15, 3.45, 6.10, 8.30.

\* MANCHESTER: Born Yesterday: Brenda Blethyn plays the archetypal dumb blonde... Progs 8.15, 10.45, 1.15, 3.45, 6.10, 8.30.

\* FILMS: Also on national release... Advance booking possible. BABBETTE'S FEAST (U): One of Karen Blixen's lighter tales...

\* TV: National top 10 programmes in the week ending June 25... 1 Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 11.00m

\* STAMP STARS: Richard Stamp conducts the Academy of London... Progs 8.15, 10.45, 1.15, 3.45, 6.10, 8.30.

\* JAZZ: PHARAOH SANDERS: One of John Coltrane's foremost disciples... Progs 8.15, 10.45, 1.15, 3.45, 6.10, 8.30.

\* CONCERTS: HEAR HATTON: John Hatton's organ recital consists mainly of pieces to celebrate American Independence Day... Progs 8.15, 10.45, 1.15, 3.45, 6.10, 8.30.

\* EVENING: MACHE MUSIC: Diverse artists unite for the UK premiere of Francois Bernard Mache's... Progs 8.15, 10.45, 1.15, 3.45, 6.10, 8.30.

\* ZIEGFELD: Spectacular musical based on the life of the man who made the famous Folies... Progs 8.15, 10.45, 1.15, 3.45, 6.10, 8.30.

\* KANSAS CITY SPECIAL: An evening of swing with Humphrey Lyttelton and guests including pianist Nat Pierce... Progs 8.15, 10.45, 1.15, 3.45, 6.10, 8.30.

\* ROCK: LOS LOBOS: The Tex-Mex troubadours from East LA... Progs 8.15, 10.45, 1.15, 3.45, 6.10, 8.30.

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\* GALLERIES: ANDREW SABINE: A one-day show for a young sculptor... Progs 8.15, 10.45, 1.15, 3.45, 6.10, 8.30.

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\* OTHER EVENTS: ROYAL SHOW: Biggest agricultural show of its kind in Europe... Progs 8.15, 10.45, 1.15, 3.45, 6.10, 8.30.

\* EVENTS AT CAERPHILLY: Children's entertainment this afternoon... Progs 8.15, 10.45, 1.15, 3.45, 6.10, 8.30.

\* MADE ON MERSEYSIDE: Professor Heinz Wolf, director of the Brunel Institute for Bioengineering... Progs 8.15, 10.45, 1.15, 3.45, 6.10, 8.30.

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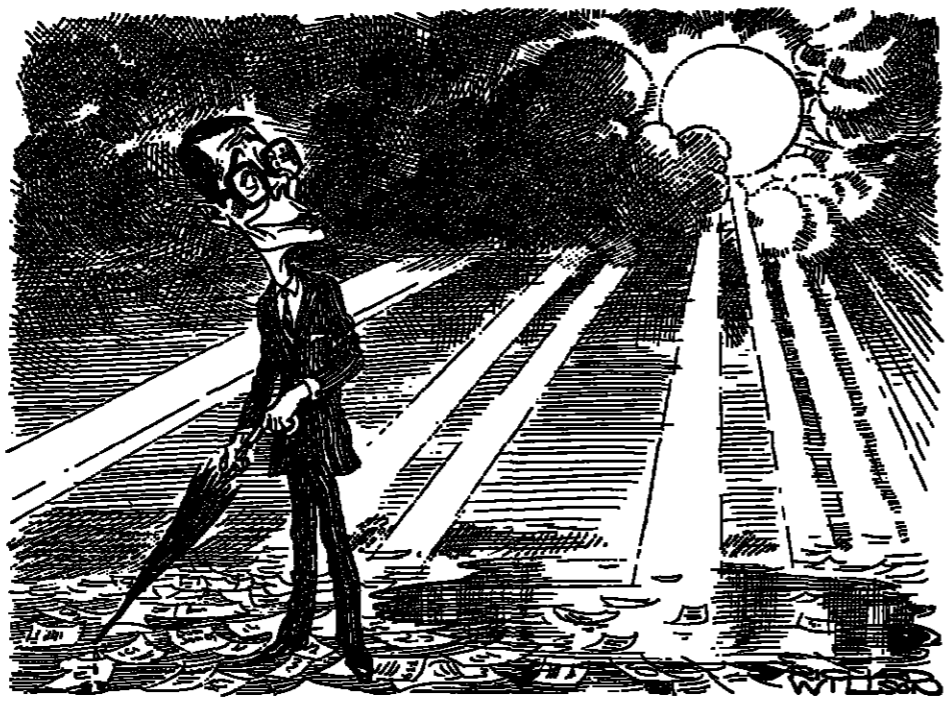




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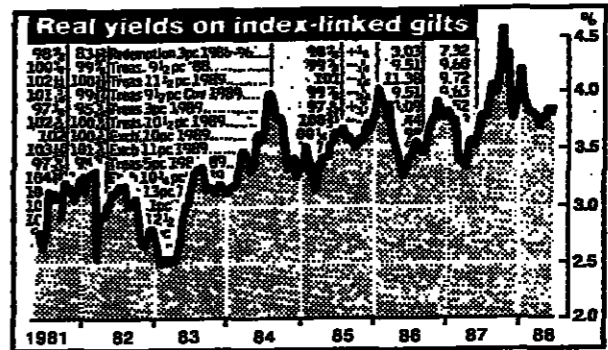
of the crash are still uncomfortably fresh and all the original reasons for buying British Gas remain. The domestic gas market gives every appearance of growing strongly, the prospective multiple is an undemanding 8.8 and the prospective yield is still an attractive 5.7 per cent. The independent oil sector looked ripe for a shake-up, and we saw Clyde as one whose share price would benefit from takeover speculation. Clyde remains independent, but the shares have risen by 28 per cent, making it our second best-performing stock. Sentiment is now likely to shift to the slumping oil price, which is now \$14.50 (£8.50) a barrel and falling. This is a far cry from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' reference price of \$18 a barrel, and there is nothing to suggest that the oil cartel will be able to reverse this fall in the near term. Some of the speculative froth is also coming out of the sector following last week's Lasso/BP deal, and shareholders should be thinking about taking some profits. Guardian Royal Exchange The insurance sector took a double beating in the final

attractive candidates, especially as its operating territories are predominantly in the UK and West Germany, giving it special appeal ahead of 1992. With a prospective yield of 6.8 per cent, shareholders should stay with their investment. Land Securities The property sector has recovered much of its poise since the fallout last October, and Land Securities, the daddy of the sector, has fared as well as most. The impressive 37 per cent increase in the 1987 asset value to 668p exceeded best expectations and pushed the shares ahead. Since then there has been a bout of profit-taking. Moreover, there have been some jitters running through the sector following the decision to put value-added tax on new construction work. Nevertheless, with forecasts of a further rise in the asset value to 800p per share, Land Securities' shares are selling on a substantial discount to asset value, about double the sector average. Unless, sentiment in the property market takes a decided turn for the worse, pulling Land Securities down with it, the shares are worth holding. Wilson Bowden Despite some pundits' prediction that this summer would see the end of the private housebuilding boom, the sector has held up well and there are no signs of weakness. This is all good news for Wilson Bowden. The company's good profit margins and strong managerial control enable it to make the best of buoyant conditions, while at the same time projecting its position for less good trading conditions. There is a narrow market in the shares, so even modest demand has a disproportionate effect on the price. Nevertheless, even after the recent strong performance, the shares are selling on a reasonable prospective p/e ratio of 9.5 times. This is above the sector average, but below acknowledged quality stocks such as Wilson (Conolly) on 11 times earnings. Wilson Bowden should gradually close the gap.

GILT-EDGED

Index-linked issues set to come into fashion

The index-linked sector of the gilt market is on the way to becoming much more significant. The Government appears now to be keen to promote sales of this kind of debt, on which both capital repayment and income are linked to the retail price index. Demand from financial institutions could well improve, given that index-linked gilts look reasonably value relative to conventional gilts and equities. Index-linked gilts also have their attractions for private individuals. For higher rate or basic rate tax payers the shorter index-linked securities offer a good net redemption yield if inflation maintains its current level of about 4 per cent per annum. For any investor, an asset that will maintain its value in real terms will clearly be a useful addition to a portfolio. The Government's increased keenness to promote the index-linked market can be seen, for example, in the pattern of funding in the gilt market. In the last financial year, 1987-8, £1bn of index-linked were issued, which represented 6.7 per cent of the total gilt funding in that year. In contrast, £600 million, or about 40 per cent of the £1.55bn issued so far in 1988-9, since the beginning of April, have been index-linked. This is admittedly a relatively distorted comparison, because of the short period of time over which it is made, but it does suggest that a greater emphasis is now being placed on these issues. There had been concern at the lack of depth in the index-linked market, and 1987 produced a rough ride for traders in index-linked, which the relative thinness of the market compared to conventional gilts did not help. There is now evidence of a greater depth of investor interest in the market, leading to more stable conditions. There are several reasons why the authorities should wish to promote the index-linked market. A short-term reason is cheapness of funding: the effect of a 2½ per cent coupon on the running cost of funding looks at first sight a much better bet from the borrower's point of view than the 9 per cent coupon that would currently have to be paid on a similar borrowing in the conventional gilt-edged market. This is partly an illusion, though, because of the indexation of the capital repayment. Thus if such an issue were made now, which



redemted in 2006, the final capital repayment would be double, ie 200 rather than 100, if inflation over the period were about 4 per cent. So the effect of the indexation of capital is to throw the refinancing burden forward to the year of redemption. A more respectable reason for the authorities' desire to boost index-linked is the idea of diversifying sources of funding. It is quite possible that, at a time of general fear of inflation, index-linked gilts will be the only ones that sell. At present it would be far-fetched to predict an explosion of inflation. However, a perfectly adequate case can be made for index-linked at present, given the way in which inflation in Britain appears to have stabilized at about 4 per cent. Our chart shows the real yield on the FT Actuarial index of over-5-year index-linked stocks. The real yield is the return on index-linked over and above inflation. The current level of the real yield, 3.86 per cent, compares with the yield on equities of 4.18 per cent. This yield comparison enables one to see how the market compares the greater risk in holding equities relative to index-linked, with the prospects that equity dividends will beat inflation. Just prior to the stock market crash, equities yielded 1 per cent less than index-linked gilts. This was of course, a rather optimistic basis for equities. Although it seems reasonable, except in times of very fast dividend growth, for index-linked to yield less than equities because of the risk inherent in the latter, it is more difficult to say what that yield gap "should" be. It is worth noting, though, that there has been a long period of trading during which this difference oscillated about 1 per cent, before falling abruptly during 1987. Thus the current difference of 0.32 per cent makes index-linked look cheap. Indeed, as our chart suggests, except for the immediate pre-crash period, 3.86 per cent is a relatively high yield for the index-linked market in absolute terms, again making it look cheap. The comparison with conventional gilts can be made via the "implied inflation rate" — the rate of inflation that would equate returns on long gilts and index-linked. At 5.7 per cent, this does look higher than current longer term expectations of inflation. The estimate of inflation from this comparison should always be too high, because index-linked are less volatile and generally a somewhat safer investment than conventional gilts. The final thing going for index-linked — and one that is likely to cause the most movement in this sector over the next few days — is the attractiveness of the shorter index-linked for taxpaying individual investors. Because the capital uplift described above is not taxed, and only the relatively small current income is subject to tax, the net return, assuming 4 per cent inflation, is quite attractive. For example, the net redemption yield on the 2 per cent 1996 stock for a 40 per cent taxpayer, assuming 4 per cent inflation between now and 1996, is 6.43 per cent, which is like a gross return of 10.72 per cent. Given that 3 per cent Transport 1978-88 — a stock attractive to higher rate taxpayers — was redeemed on Friday, we expect a substantial demand for the shorter index-linked this week. Dr Richard Golding Head of Bond Market Research Kleinwort Greaveson Charlesworth

HOW THE SHARES ARE FARING

Table with columns: Share, Price, Rise. Rows include British Gas, Clyde Petroleum, Guardian Royal Exchange, Land Securities, Wilson Bowden Properties, Average portfolio growth, FT All share index rise.

Pick of the mines running well ahead of index

The Times five mining shares for 1988 have, so far, held up relatively well against the London gold price and the FT gold mines index. The average portfolio growth since the starting January date has been 15.6 per cent. By contrast, over the same period the FT gold mines index has fallen from 302.1 to 207.2, or 31.4 per cent, and the London gold price has come back from a starting January price of \$480 to Friday's \$436.85 an ounce, or nearly 9 per cent. The portfolio's defensive performance owes much to the spread, rather than any concentration on a particular metal, all across the mining field. The portfolio includes diamonds, copper and, through the RTZ link, a host of other mining interests. Ashton has shown on the back of the continued strength of world diamond markets, and Western Mining in an otherwise tough Australian market has — as it was expected — held its head up well. Inspiration Resources and Asarco may in the next six months be the least exciting of the five, but the rest could still be fun. Asarco is the one share that has not made an advance, though, because of exchange rate movements, the fall in sterling terms is less dramatic than the 12.3 per cent setback in dollars.

PERFORMANCE

Table with columns: Share, Change %. Rows include Asarco, Ashton, Inspiration, RTZ, Wstrn Mining.

Small firms star as best performers

Ask anyone in the City which was the best performing share on the International Stock Exchange in the first half of the year and they would almost certainly say Rowntree, which more than doubled in price to £10.69p after the bid battle between Nestlé and Jacobs Suchard. Wrong. Rowntree would be the star if the list was confined to the 100 constituents of the FT-SE index, with a gain of 139 per cent, but in the overall list it is in twelfth place. The little-known Scottish Ice Rink, the Glasgow leisure group, takes pride of place with a 230 per cent jump to 83p. Takeover possibilities were raised recently after Old Crown Investments increased its stake in the shell company to just below 29.9 per cent. AF Bultin, the maker of electronic and electrical components, came a close second with a rise of 220 per cent to 112p. The shares have responded to bid speculation. In third place, Associated Energy Services, the USM-listed boiler maintenance contractor and catering equipment group, recorded a rise of 218 per cent to 70p after Cleves Investments picked up a near-15 per cent stake. Unigroup, the troubled timber-to-clothing group, was the worst performer, falling 73 per cent to 46p. Sentiment in the shares has been demoralized by a disastrous set of results and news of a Department of Trade and Industry inquiry. Shares of Whitney Mackay-Lewis, the USM-listed architectural group, were not far behind with a decline of 68 per cent to 80p. A statement in April that two projects had been brought to a premature halt and its architectural practice was unlikely to be profitable in the second half, saw the shares drop. The list is sure to make similarly fascinating reading when it is compiled at the end of the second-half. The more obscure secondary or even third market stock will still provide the more spectacular gains. But blue chip stocks could figure prominently if some of the current bid stories prove correct. Cadbury Schweppes, another leading food stock, might well lead if the bid from either General Cinema or Jacobs Suchard materializes.

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Revitalized Gestetner may leap to £13m pre-tax

TODAY Gestetner, the photo-copying group revitalized over the past 17 months by new Australian management...

They feel that there is still enormous potential here for further margin improvement. Liquidity problems at Impact Systems...

Analysts are going for pre-tax profits of about £12 million to £13 million compared with £8.52 million last time.



Alick Rankin: not expected to disappoint

Earnings growth has August's £8 million rights issue, with the group's British oil services business recovering from the industrial downturn...

The busiest day this week for big companies reporting will include a half-way progress



REPORTING THIS WEEK



Basil Sellers: laser printing news awaited

specialist engineering group, should report pre-tax profits of £9.3 million for the year to end-March, according to CL-Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank...

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, is looking for pre-tax profits of £7 million - up from £6.1 million - for the half-year.

more vulnerable to an overseas bid. Analysts' forecasts range between £111 million and £114 million against last year's £90.3 million...

Barclays de Zoete Wedd says that, hotels apart, trading prospects are quite good, but earnings growth will be slow.

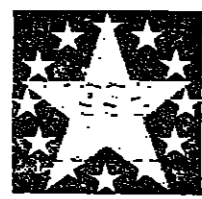
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New 1992 advice group sees big increase in single market awareness

By Colin Narborough

European Strategy Counsel, a multi-discipline group set up to advise companies on how best to face up to the single European market...



The overall awareness level among the public was still only 29 per cent then, although it had gained 10 percentage points in just one month.

But ESC says that while the awareness gap is closing, "an information and even more an action gap is still there."

preparat for 1992 or familiarize themselves with the fast-changing situation. Mr Parry Pagers, chairman of Prima Europe...

ESC offers a range of services including corporate communication counselling, European public affairs advice and information, political and economic research and authoritative opinion polling community wide.

Miss Judith Symonds, ESC's executive director, said: "We believe not only that we have brought together exactly the right skills to help companies win but also that with effective representation on their behalf we can help them influence the final shape of the single market in a number of areas."

Britain now enjoys a wealth of business talent with no shortage of budding entrepreneurs, a quick glance at the Unlisted Securities Market will testify.

Heritage was founded in 1980 by Mr Jeff Lambert, a former import and export man who saw the need for a specialist company to source and supply the high street retailers.

Heritage began life as an importer of glassware, oven-to-tableware and kitchen utensils, operating from a rundown warehouse in London's East End.

Mr Lambert, the chairman and managing director, says the proceeds from the placing will go towards paying

off bank borrowings and providing extra working capital. Heritage's big customers include Woolworth, Tesco, J Sainsbury and Argus.

The group's pre-tax profits have grown steadily from £210,000 in 1985 to £511,000 in the year to April 30, on turnover up from £5.1 million to £8.2 million.

Earlier this year, Mr Lambert strengthened the Heritage management by appointing Mr Gary Morley, formerly of Blenheim Exhibitions, as finance director.

Elsewhere, Mr Mike Keen, the chairman of USM-quoted Corton Beach, will

be putting his other hat on as chairman of Propeller, the Third Market company in which Corton Beach has a 56 per cent stake.

Propeller, which was floated on the Third Market in November and is looking to graduate to the USM as soon as it has satisfied the year-long time requirement on the Third Market...

The cash-and-shares deal, worth about £1 million, will mean the purchase of Michael Ross Group, a designer knitwear manufacturer.

Michael Ross, which manufactures quality "hand framed" knitwear under its own label and for designer names such as Kenzo, Laura Ashley and Daniel Hechter...

Turnover at Michael Ross has risen from £860,000 in 1986 to £1.2 million in 1987, with profits in 1987 of £64,731

USM REVIEW UNLISTED SECURITIES

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'Minister for women should be appointed'

By Our City Staff

The Government should appoint a minister for women, a leading economist says today.

"If the women of Britain cannot make progress at a time when they are in possession of both Buckingham Palace and 10 Downing Street when can they?" asks Mr Christopher Johnson...

A Minister of State at the Home Office should co-ordinate policies for women to ensure a more active policy for promoting work opportunities.

This should be done not only on the grounds of social equality, but also as the quality of Britain's labour force. Mr Johnson writes in the bank's July economic bulletin.

The minister could pull together activities now spread out among Government departments, including

Employment, Education and Trade and Industry. The Home Office would be the logical base for such a minister as it already covers race and sex discrimination, he says.

Women's education should be less centred on biology and languages and more towards physics and engineering. The proportion of women graduates needs to be increased to meet the shortage of maths and science teachers.

Employers could do more to provide flexible work opportunities, with women working part-time at senior levels, particularly during early motherhood.

Mr Johnson adds that the 1990 changes in family taxation would help some working women, but the benefit system discourages part-time earnings by wives of unemployed men and single parent mothers who most need the money.

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US NOTEBOOK

Fed continues to tighten grip for dollar stability

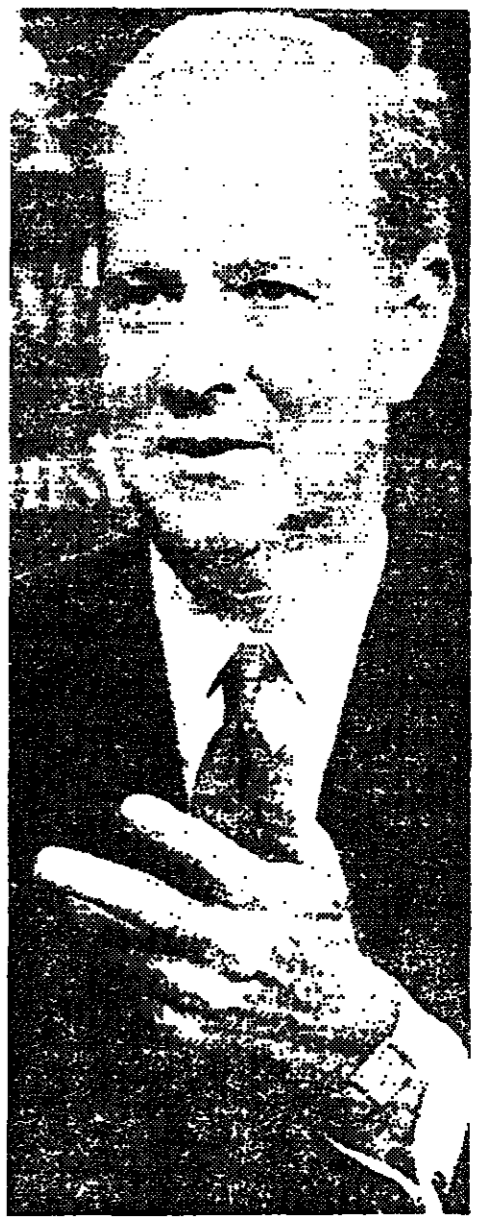
While immense capital flows, notably from Japan, overwhelmed the efforts of the central banks to hold the dollar stable, the Federal Reserve is continuing to exert a policy of monetary restraint and rising federal funds.

American effort to sell the bond market short collapsed in disorder, amid huge losses. We are now into the benign phase of the dollar/interest rate cycle - a reverse of our experience in 1987.

Baker keeps the US beacon burning

James Baker, the most powerful US Treasury Secretary for decades, talks to Bailey Morris about his significant achievements

reform, the US-Canada free trade agreement, a \$20 billion Third World debt plan for the 15 most heavily indebted nations, negotiation of a two-year agreement with Congress to reduce the record US budget deficit, closer policy co-operation among the G7 nations and above all, the successful management of the longest-running, non-inflationary economic expansion in post-World War II history.



James Baker: political pragmatist

Three years ago, Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, signalled to the world that the Reagan Administration's benign neglect of the dollar had ended. On September 27, Sunday in 1985 at the Plaza Hotel in New York, Mr Baker gathered with the finance ministers of the Group of Five nations to usher in a new era of the floating system of exchange rates.

Lawson optimistic on world economic outlook

By Rodney Lord and Robin Oakley



Nigel Lawson: acknowledges inflation risk

The outlook for the world economy is clearly better than it was at the beginning of the year. But with the revival of confidence has come renewed fears of inflation.

better but co-ordination of economic policies between the major countries has considerably improved. The degree of consensus should not be exaggerated, but the chances of a recurrence of the open dispute which developed last October between Mr Baker, and the German finance minister, Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, are much diminished.

worrying, and President Reagan has been particularly good in resisting that. The pressures there have now abated a bit. The main area of what Mr Lawson describes carefully as "lack of progress" has been farm subsidies. "It is a difficult issue for everybody. Every major industrial country heavily protects its agriculture to the point where production throughout the industrialized world is far in excess of demand for food. It is a costly and pointless exercise, and it also does some damage to those parts of the world which are heavily dependent on exports of agricultural products for their livelihood.

Fraudulent undertaking by solicitor in normal business binds partners

United Bank of Kuwait Ltd v Hammoud and Others, City Trust Ltd v Levy. Before Lord Donaldson of Lynton, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Glidwell and Lord Justice Staughton. [Judgment June 29]

An undertaking, given in the context of an underlying transaction of a solicitor's nature, to provide security for a loan could be within the ordinary course of a solicitor's business. Accordingly, where such undertakings were given fraudulently by a solicitor they bound the partners of the firms for which the solicitor worked.

Mr Emmanuel gave security for such loan by undertaking to transfer the £700,000 to Mr Hammoud's account with the bank and by signing a form of guarantee. As a result Mr Hammoud obtained the loan, which had not been repaid.

But in his Lordship's view the proper question was whether the bank, as represented by the bank a reasonably careful and competent bank, would have concluded that there was an underlying transaction of a kind that was part of the usual business of a solicitor.

Lord Justice Staughton delivered a concurring judgment. THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, agreeing, said that no person was admitted to the Roll of Solicitors unless the Law Society had been satisfied not only that training regulations had been complied with but also that as an individual he or she was of a suitable character to be a member of a learned and respected profession.

course of the professional work of a solicitor extended far beyond giving legal advice and assistance. They were "men of affairs". The public would be wise to consult them, and did so, when faced with unusual problems which might or might not have hidden legal aspects and which did not clearly raise issues within the special expertise of some other profession.

Securing attendance of witness at trial

Regina v Bray. Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Roch and Mr Justice Henry. [Judgment June 28]

The question whether it was reasonable practicable to secure the attendance of a witness at trial for the purposes of section 9(1)(b) of the Theft Act 1968 was to be examined not as at the time when the trial opened but against the whole background to the case.

As he was not there, the documentary evidence under section 68 was not admissible and there was no evidence that the money in fact was in the bank to be stolen - so that was the end of the prosecution's case.

Revenue wins appeal against tax inspector

Williams (Inspector of Taxes) v Todd. Before Mr Justice Peter Gibson. [Judgment June 28]

An interest-free advance of salary to assist with the purchase of a house made by an employer to an employee, who was required to move from the North of England to the South to work, constituted a loan for the purposes of section 66 of the Finance Act 1976.

benefit accrued to the employee from the loan: section 66(1) and other subsections simply assumed that it was appropriate to refer to the "benefit of a loan" in the same way as it was common enough in ordinary parlance to ask "Did you receive the benefit of a loan?" without seeing whether it provided a benefit to the borrower.





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THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONIC & ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING NEW LECTURESHIPS

Due to an increase in student numbers at both undergraduate and postgraduate level, four new lectureships have been created by the University in the Department of Electronic Engineering. Applications are invited from graduate engineers with experience in one or more of the following areas: Communications Control Digital Machines HF Engineering Power Electronics Radar and Sonar Signal Processing

MONASH UNIVERSITY Melbourne, Australia CHAIR OF OBSTETRICS AND Gynaecology

Applications are invited for appointment to a second Chair of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the Department which is located at the new Monash Medical Centre and the new Teaching Hospital, affiliated with Monash University, located at Clayton within 1.5 km of the University Campus. The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology is also at the Infrared Medical Centre at Epworth Hospital, within the Melbourne City area, and the present Chairman of the Department, Professor E.C. Wood, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G., F.R.A.C.O.G., bases many of his activities at that location.

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM DIRECTOR OF ESTATES AND BUILDINGS

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The University is seeking to appoint a lecturer to undertake teaching duties in the department. Candidates for this appointment should have broad knowledge of materials science and engineering but experience with polymers, ceramics or semi-conductors would be particularly welcome. The successful candidate will be encouraged to teach final year options and to pursue research in topics related to his/her special interests.

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The University invites applications from candidates with medical qualifications registrable in the United Kingdom for a full-time Chair of Surgery, located at the University Hospital of South Manchester (at Withington Hospital), which will fall vacant on October 1st, 1988, in consequence of the retirement of Professor R.A. Sefton.

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Applications are invited from suitably qualified chemists/biochemists for the Shell Research Fellowship in NMR Microscopy. The successful candidate will be involved in the use of a novel NMR microscope which is being constructed with support from the Royal Society Paul Instrument Fund.

THE ROYAL VETERINARY COLLEGE University of London Appointment of PRINCIPAL

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Applications are invited from graduates for a post of Administrative Assistant in one of the latest University Adult Education Departments in Britain. The vacancy occurs as a consequence of reorganisation within the Department following the early retirement of a senior administrator.

The Queen's University of Belfast TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP Department of Scholastic Philosophy

Applications are invited for a temporary lectureship in the department of Scholastic Philosophy for one year commencing 1 September 1988 or such other date as may be arranged. Applicants must hold a higher degree, preferably a doctorate, in Mediaeval Philosophy or Metaphysics and Natural Theology.

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GOLF

Faldo's Open hopes depend on sharper touch on the greens

Nick Faldo returned home from the Monte Carlo Open... contented man. He had every right to be, even though he finished sixth behind the Spaniard, José Rivero.

pressure of dictating events this year. Even so, he will need to examine his game once again under competitive stress in Scotland this week.

It would seem that all Faldo needs to add to his armoury for a successful defence of the Open is a hot putter. His game from tee to green is probably as good as any player in the world at present.

MOTOR RALLYING

New standard is set by Donaldson

George Donaldson, from Edinburgh, won the Kaval Graphics rally in South Wales on Saturday and in so doing became the first driver to win a national rally in a virtually standard saloon (a Special Correspondent writes).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Britain escape despite lapses in defence

From Keith Macklin Orange, New South Wales Western Division 26 Great Britain 28

Four of the longest minutes in the professional life of the British coach, Malcolm Reilly, dragged heavily as some appalling defending in the second half almost cost Great Britain a 22-4 lead here yesterday.

RUGBY UNION

All Blacks cruise to convincing victory

Australia 7 New Zealand 32

Sydney (Reuter) - Three tries in the first 11 minutes set New Zealand on their way to a brilliantly convincing victory in the first international here yesterday.

The Wallabies showed great courage to fight back to 14-7 shortly after half-time with a try by Williams and a penalty by Lynch. However, hard-wood possession was too often squandered.

The Australian scrum performed well in the first half, but the New Zealand pack were back to their best in the second half.



Storm-trooper: Kirwan bursts through for New Zealand

Move to take over club

A group of seven business and professional men are trying to wrestle control of Northampton Rugby Club at Wednesday's annual meeting.

The group, headed by the former club captain and England reserve hooker, Jon Raphael, want to throw out the struggling Midland club's officers and committees, and replace them with their own men.

BASKETBALL

Inspired British reach final at expense of hosts

From Nicholas Harling, Groningen

Whatever they might achieve this week in the final round of the Olympic qualifying tournament in Rotterdam against the best of Europe, nothing will be allowed to sour the memory of one of the greatest nights for British basketball.

It came in this northern Netherlands town last on Saturday when the British team, requiring a 15-point winning margin over their Dutch hosts in the final pool A game, achieved their qualifying target with five points to spare with 85-65.

Rarely can a fortieth birthday party have been spoilt as it was for Ron Harrewijn, the Netherlands coach, whose job is now in jeopardy following the Dutch departure.

Harrewijn had all the sympathy of his opposite number. It was a precarious position for his team, which would be back for the July 4 celebrations. The coach had sat up to 3 a.m. the previous morning contemplating his team's 85-77 failure against Sweden the night before.

fight man for the job," he said. "But there was a failure." No one responded more to Whetton's "nice little chat" than Ron Way, whose prodigious leaps for rebounds belied the pain of a calcium deposit on an Achilles tendon. Way and his new M1M team colleague, Jason Fogarty, gained an undisputed mastery of the boards. Within 14 minutes of high-pressure physical play from Britain, the hosts were trailing by 31-15 in front of the near capacity crowd of 2,300 willing them on in the Martini Hall. For once too, British fans had been stoked up in the belly of Colin Irish. The Portsmouth player, who often seems to find lesser games a chore, came off the bench to finish as his side's top scorer with 19 points. Joe Moore also regained his touch to give Whetton an extra option in the back court alongside Tatham, Brown and Bucknall. Only when Britain's half-time lead of 46-29 was reduced to 10 points did Whetton's squad experience its first erosion of self-belief. The subsequent British rally, bringing them 10 points within 10 minutes, was merely the prelude to a glorious success. The fact that such inhibiting opponents as Italy, tonight, Yugoslavia, tomorrow and Greece, the European champions, will be waiting for them in Rotterdam, could not suppress British elation. RESULTS: Olympic qualifying tournament. Group Sweden 111, Hungary 56 (Sweden 19, Hungary 17, Finland 15, Brazil 85 (Fin 19, Way 18, Moore 14, Bucknall 11, Harrewijn 8), Group 2, Denmark 87, Group 3, West Germany 99, Denmark 87, Group 4, Israel 86, Norway 88, Yugoslavia 105, Greece 87, Group 5, France 74, Poland 72, Soviet Union 109, Switzerland 60.

JUDO

Adams fails to salvage a medal at the Open

By Nicolas Soames

On paper, Neil Adams did just what a judoka should do on Saturday to earn himself selection for Seoul as the man most likely to win a medal in the under-78kg category. Paul Sheals, aged 24, from Manchester, hampered by bad knee ligaments, won two matches, including a hard one against Kevin Docherty, of Canada.

But Adams, aged 29, a double Olympic silver medal winner, the 1981 world champion, and five times a European champion, won three matches, but lost two; he was clearly out-fought and out-thought by Thorsten Brecht, of East Germany, the 1985 world silver medal winner, and was punished for a predictable one-minute attack, and thrown for 150 points; and in his attempt to salvage a bronze against Waldemar Legien, of Poland, he was caught by a simple double leg grip for Kozka, judo's smallest score. Adams has certainly not lost his skills. Pascal Kammermann, of Switzerland, was armlocked in familiar style and Luis Val, of Australia, was thrown twice and then controlled to the end. Crashes in the British true desire to fight showed initially against Zolt Zsoldos, of Hungary, whom Adams eventually threw spectacularly.

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EQUESTRIANISM

Skelton's point for Apollo at Aachen

From Jenny MacArthur Aachen
Nick Skelton gave conclusive proof of his and the 13-year-old Apollo's fitness for an Olympic place by winning yesterday's Aachen Grand Prix...

Alan Lee finds some home truths in the Pakistan captain's newly published autobiography
Imran rises above the modern mire



Imran: wide-ranging criticism

Imran Khan's views on Pakistan cricket are not exactly what you would call patriotic. Neotribism, inefficiency and corruption are just three of the charges he levels at his country's administration...

back five years, to a dubious decision by umpire David Constant in the Headingley Test of 1982. He explains: "Certain decisions are crucial to the outcome of a series and can lead to so much bitterness as to cause incalculable harm to cricketing relations between two countries..."

stan Board "treated me like a spoilt child who needed to be put in his place." He has painful memories of his spell of rehabilitation. "For six weeks, I did nothing but read and wallow in self-pity. But he also considers it to have been an influential period of his life: "I emerged from it much stronger as a person and with a far wider perspective on life..."

Most revealing of all is his tale of General Sadfar Butt, a former president of the Board. "He said he had little time for the game and admitted he knew nothing about it. He once asked Abdul Qadir why he bowled off such a short run when the West Indies bowlers took such a long one."

Middlesex fail to go clear at top of table

Alas, for Middlesex, what was a useful start to their innings — 32 for 0 off 10.2 overs — rain then stopped play and continued unrelenting...



Turning the screw: Harper keeps the West Indies going (Photograph: Graham Morris)

Gating is full of unburdened bonhomie

If Mike Gating is not enjoying life back in the Test ranks, he is giving a very good impression of someone who is. As England have toiled in the field during the last two days at Old Trafford, the demoted England captain has been full of unburdened bonhomie...

YACHTING

Big men power way into final

Simon and John McLean, muscle-bound brothers from London, are the power behind a strong crew from the South to challenge for the £1,000 individual training bursaries on offer to young yachtsmen at the Crew-search finals in October.

James Capel



Brookes, the women's UK single-handed champion from Malden, Essex who went through as the top mainmast trimmer. Joining this crew to represent the south-east in the first final in October is Nigel Hancock, aged 22, a local sailor who proved himself to be the best bowman yesterday...

Japanese look to the future

Kookaburra III won the 1988 12-metre world championship title convincingly in Lund, Sweden, last Saturday with two consecutive wins over the Japanese-owned Bengal III in the best-of-three series that brought the 10 days of racing to a close.

POLO

Gracida gets into top gear

Gisouros, the 17-goal French team, who have drawn a lesson from one place in the Davidoff-sponsored British open championship, played their second match at the weekend when they met the much-vaunted 22-goal team of South Africa, captained by John Yeoman and Ricardo Mansur.

SWIMMING

Scots rise to stop Swiss roll

Scotland, the holders of the Royal Bank Quinich, had to wait until the fifteenth event of the eight-nation international in Edinburgh yesterday before gaining their first individual win, but then put some bite into the defence of the trophy.

Derbys v Middlesex

REPTON SCHOOL (Middlesex won toss) No result. Derbyshire 2pts, Middlesex 2. DERBYSHIRE: K J Barnett c Covans 0, P D Bowler 0, B Roberts b Fraser 14, J E Morris c Covans 0, S G Goskingsh b Hughes 0, M A Hoagland c Sykes b Hughes 1, A E Warner c Brown b Sykes 1, B J M Walter c Butler b Sykes 9, P G Newman b Sykes 15, G B Hughes b Neadhams 0, S H Mortenson not out. Extras (lb 2, lb 8, w 17): 19.

Yorkshire v Leics

HULL (Leicestershire won toss; Yorkshire 4pts) beat Leicestershire by six wickets. LEICESTERSHIRE: R Potter not out, N E Briers b Shaw 22, P Willey c Lowe b Carr 28, J J Whittaker b Fletcher 12, C C Lewis not out, R D Bailey b Carr 29. Extras (lb 5, lb 2, nb 11): 19. Total (4 wickets, 47 overs): 172. P Hapworth, J Benson, P J Whitehouse, J P Agnew, G J F Ferns, and L B Taylor did not bat.

THE WORLD'S MOST SPORTING CRICKET CLUB

is the Sussex Stone-walkers, also known as the Old Horn Procrustians. The First XI is made up of nine resolutely defensive batsmen, and two unplayable demon fast bowlers. The reason for this apparently unorthodox selection is that the club's strategy is to spend as much time in the pavilion as possible, minimising the amount of time spent actually playing.

CYCLING Amateurs give Walshaw a winning lead

The lasting memory from the Welsh Grand Prix three-day race at Abergavenny yesterday will be one of misery. Three days and 277 miles climbing out of the Usk Valley to misty mountain tops in torrential rain provided no pleasant backdrop for the riders — except perhaps for Jon Walshaw, the Every-Ready-Amoco professional from Gook.

All-round excellence puts Kent in lead

For some, hearing that Kent had dismissed Sussex for 71 before lunch at Hastings, the immediate response would surely be to the effect that Derek Underwood had taken seven or eight wickets on his favourite ground. Not times have changed.

SATURDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARDS

Table with 4 columns: Match, Innings, Runs, Wickets. Rows include Northants v Lancs, Worcs v Gloucs, Yorkshire v Leics, and Derby v Middlesex.

Surrey v Warwick

Table with 4 columns: Match, Innings, Runs, Wickets. Rows include Surrey v Warwick and Kent v Essex.

MOTOR RACING

Rivalry deepens as Prost and Senna fight for supremacy

The Marlboro-McLaren express train reached its predictable destination yesterday afternoon with Alain Prost and Ayrton Senna finishing first and second in the French Grand Prix after another dominating performance which earned them their seventh outright victory this year...

Le Castellet results

1. A Prost (Fr), Marlboro McLaren-Honda, 80 laps, 1hr 37min 32.2sec, 168.2km/h; 2. A Senna (Br), Marlboro McLaren-Honda, 1:38.09.001; 3. M Alboreto (It), Ferrari, 1:38.03.853; 4. G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 1:38.03.853; 5. N Piquet (Br), Camel Lotus-Honda, 79; 6. A Nannini (It), Benetton-Ford DFR, 79; 7. S Nannini (It), Benetton-Ford DFR, 79; 8. J Mansori (Fr), Renault, 79; 9. G Agazzi (It), Ferrari, 79; 10. J Sturzenegger (Sw), Williams-Judd, 79; 11. J Almeloo (D), BMS Dallara-Ford, 79; 12. J Jones (W), Williams-Judd, 79; 13. J Juncos (A), Williams-Judd, 79; 14. J Abadie (F), Williams-Judd, 79; 15. J Mader (Fr), Williams-Judd, 79; 16. J Baudry (Fr), Williams-Judd, 79; 17. J Tardieu (Fr), Williams-Judd, 79; 18. J Tardieu (Fr), Williams-Judd, 79; 19. J Tardieu (Fr), Williams-Judd, 79; 20. J Tardieu (Fr), Williams-Judd, 79...

HOCKEY

Stubborn Canadians spoil the weekend

Great Britain were stubbornly held to a goalless draw by Canada at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham, yesterday in the second of two weekend international matches which followed the earlier game on Saturday in Prescott, where Britain achieved a 2-1 victory, albeit hard earned (Sydney Friskin writes).

Great Britain fall short of June promise

Great Britain had a disappointing weekend, playing Canada twice in Leicester, losing 2-3 and then drawing yesterday 0-0 (Joyce Whitehead writes). Canada are seeded sixth, and Great Britain eighth for the Olympic Games.

TENNIS: GERMAN BECOMES YOUNGEST WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPION AT WIMBLEDON SINCE 1953 Graf's victory heralds a new era



Succeeding in style: Graf powers her way to victory (Photograph: Chris Smith)

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent

Steffi Graf's 5-7, 6-2, 6-1 win over Martina Navratilova in the Wimbledon women's singles final on Saturday was definitely the end of an era, as Navratilova said. It also took us deeply into another chapter, because Graf is three-quarters of the way to a grand slam of the Australian, French, Wimbledon and United States championships.

The match had three phases. Graf led 5-3, Navratilova won

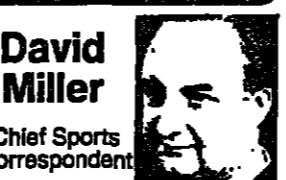


six games in a row, and Graf then won nine. Navratilova's strategy was to attack Graf's initially shaky backhand and go to the net in the hope that (if the ball came back) she could play a winning volley, usually to the forehand.

Graf has potential to become greatest

COMMENTARY

Steffi Graf is a gift to tennis. The modest West German is a combination of the self-effacing charm of Youssef Kooloolong and a power in the women's game relatively even more remarkable than Boris Becker's. She is an awesome delight, with the girl's charm that Christine Truman once brought to the court and an even more formidable forehead fit to punch holes in plate glass.



David Miller Chief Sports Correspondent

He thinks that Becker has a sufficient all-round game to achieve the grand slam, though he infers, without being as impetuous as to say so in many words, that Becker is still a boy growing up.

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He reflects, nostalgically, that in the Thirties the centre court would schedule five matches, and usually would finish them. Today it is fortunate if they get through three. Watching the unaffected Graf, perhaps the greatest woman athlete the game has seen, you feel she is capable of playing five matches in an afternoon herself. What a tonic she is.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS FROM HENLEY

- Special Race for Schools: Final: Ridley College at Pangbourne College, 11, St Edward's School at Shrewsbury School, 14, 4.35; Thames Cup: Semi-finals: Thames A at University College, 14, 6.45; Britannia Cup: Final: University of London at Law, A, 2, 7min 07sec; Double Sculls Cup: Final: A R Pugh (Tideway Scullers' School) and P R Knappman (Barbours Bank) at J D de Smetter and R Henderson (L.A.), 14, 7min 25sec.

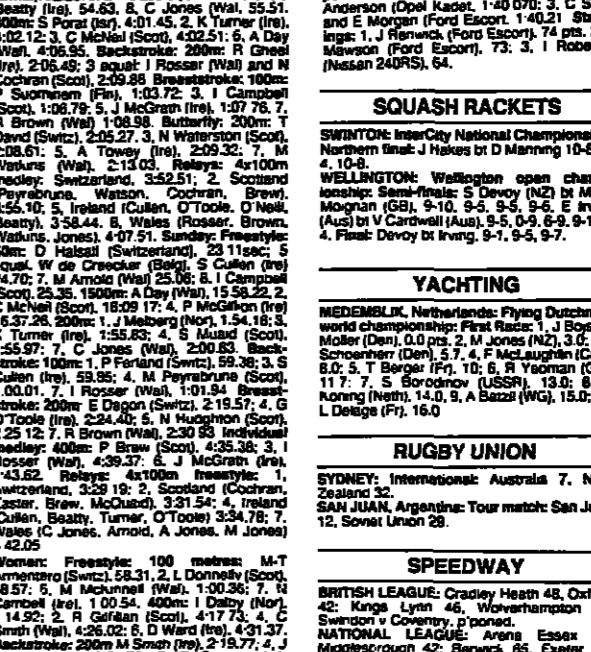
SATURDAY'S RESULTS

- Special Race for Schools: First round: St George's College, St George's College, 21, 5min 05sec; King's School, Canterbury at Oratory School, 21, 5.12; King's School, Worcester at Winchester College, 21, 5.15; St Paul's School at Tiffin School, 31, 5.16; St George's College at Beddons Modern School, 31, 5.05; St Paul's School at Crenshaw College, M, 5.07; Crenshaw College at King's School, Chester, 11, 5.05; Second round: Lymington Upper School at Shutehill, 14, 5.10; St Edward's School at King's, Canterbury, 14, 5.15; King's School at Oratory School, 21, 5.08; Pangbourne College at King's, Worcester, 31, 5.10; Abingdon School at Bryanston, 31, 4.57; Ridley College at Eton, 21, 4.53; St Paul's at Monks' Corner School, 13, 5.04; Shrewsbury School at Westminster, 41, 5.04; Quarter-finals: St Edward's at Lymington Upper, 14, 5.08; Pangbourne at King's, Worcester, 31, 5.02; Ridley at Abingdon, 21, 4.55; St Paul's at St Paul's, 2, 5.00; Thames Cup: Quarter-finals: (Rivalry) at University College, Cork, 14, 6min 52sec; Tideway Scullers' School at Furze, 21, 5.04; Thames A at London, 14, 6.51; Tideway Scullers, Galway (W) at Bedford, 14, 7.25; Visitors' Cup: Semi-finals: (Rivalry) at University College, Cork, 14, 6min 52sec; Tideway Scullers' School at Furze, 21, 5.04; Thames A at London, 14, 6.51; Tideway Scullers, Galway (W) at Bedford, 14, 7.25.

FOR THE RECORD

Table with columns: ATHLETICS, BOWLS, CYCLING, SWIMMING, RALLYING, SOUQUA RACKETS, YACHTING, RUGBY UNION, SPEEDWAY, BOXING, MOTO CROSS, MOTOR CYCLING, GOLF, RUGBY LEAGUE, TENNIS, POOLS CHECK. Each column contains brief news snippets and results from various sports events.

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